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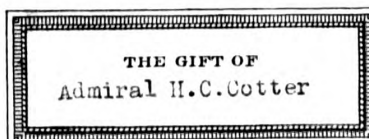
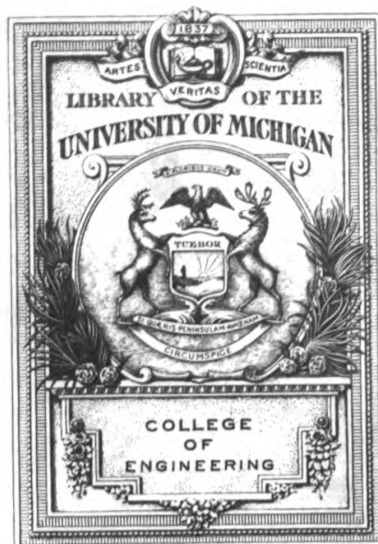
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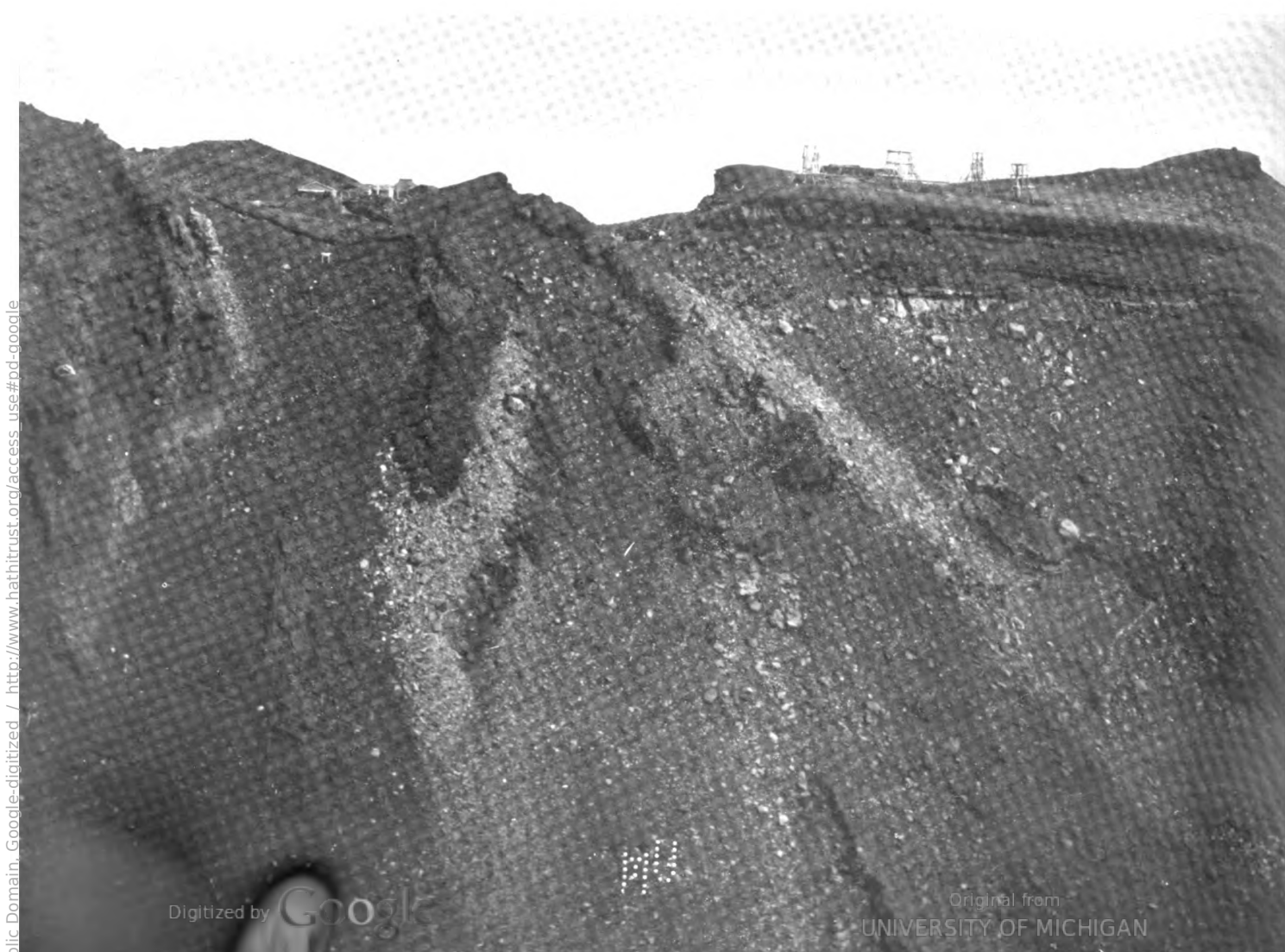
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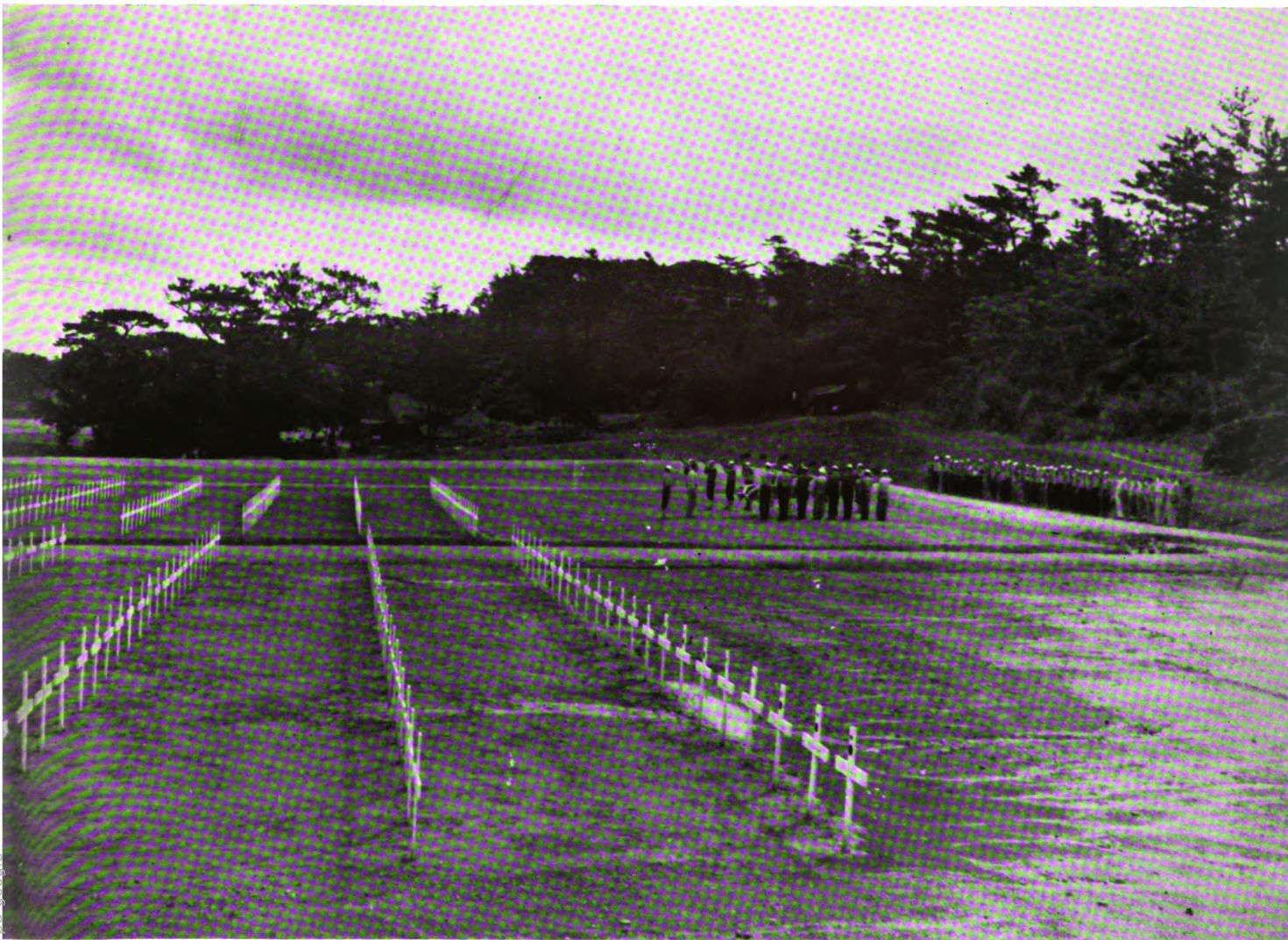
FOREWORD

As "A Stone's Throw From Tokyo" goes to press it finds the 15th Sea Bees with many of the old faces missing from its ranks but with many new ones carrying on the tradition of a job well done on this, our last mile of the road to Tokyo.

Brief in comparison with the Battalion's first tour of duty in the South Pacific, and in a different setting; scrub pines and rice paddies instead of coconuts and jungles; Okinawans instead of Melanesians and Tonkenese, the work performed has been similar in detail and importance, and I have but the highest praise to offer for the skill and perseverance of every man in rushing this work to a gratifying conclusion.

Now, with the merciful advent of Peace and the impending de-commissioning of the 15th USNCB, may I wish "All Hands" the greatest of success in your chosen fields of endeavor and of happiness in your home lives, both of which you so richly deserve after this long period of herculean effort and of separation from families and friends. God be with you and may many of us meet again during the years to come—

T. H. BUTLER
Lt. Comdr. CEC USNR
Officer in Charge



In Memoriam . . .

WING LIT WONG

SEAMAN FIRST CLASS
BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT



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★ OUR SKIPPER ★

T. H. BUTLER

Lieutenant Commander, C.E.C., USNR



When Lieutenant Commander Butler was detached from the 15th C. B.'s just a week before the Battalion's de-activation, it was a sad day for both the Skipper and his men; for it marked the end of a memorable association that had lasted 40 months. As far as all personnel were concerned, it meant not only losing their officer in charge, but also a good friend and counselor who had acquired the fond admiration and respect of every man and officer under his command. Mr. Butler, a native of Marblehead, Mass., and educated via the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, joined the 15th C. B.'s July 1st, 1942, and became its Executive Officer. In this post, he was in charge of all construction, telephone, electrical, and refrigeration work in addition to his duties as Exec.

In November of 1943, when Commander W. S. Lee was detached due to ill health, Mr. Butler took over the reins of the Battalion and remained as Officer in Charge until September, 1945, when he was transferred to the 101st C. B.'s in a similar capacity.

Upon discharge, Lieutenant Commander Butler expects to return to his native New England and resume his position as engineer and general manager of the Granite State Electric Light and Power Company.

★ OUR EXEC ★

JOHN A. WALKER

Lieutenant Commander, C.E.C., USNR

To Mr. Walker goes the distinction of being the only officer of the original group who left the states with the 15th C. B.'s in 1942 and who was still with the Battalion when it was de-activated in October, 1945. Our well-liked, smiling, Executive Officer has held an assortment of jobs in the Fifteenth, ranging from Company A Commander in 1942 to the Commanding Officer of the Battalion during its last few weeks of activity. Graduated from Texas University, and an architect in civilian life, Mr. Walker was equipped with a practical perspective of all types of construction; hence under his supervision 15th C. B. crews erected structures that displayed good design and planning despite the barriers set up by the exigencies of war. During the Battalion's first tour of duty, Mr. Walker was Officer in Charge of the Engineering Office, First Lieutenant, Executive Officer of the Green Island detachment, and returned to the U. S. as Executive Officer to Commander Butler.





PREFACE

During December of 1944, the Fifteenth U. S. Naval Construction Battalion published a book entitled "All This And Twenty Percent,"—which contained a complete pictorial review of the Battalion's exploits since its inception July 1st, 1942, until the end of its first tour of duty October 1st, 1944.

At that time, we jokingly predicted that perhaps sometime in the future, if time and data were available, we would present Volume Two.

We were assigned to a second tour of duty, and time and data became available; . . . so here is Volume Two or "Just A Stones Throw From Tokyo," depicting the further adventures of the 15th C.B., from October 1st, 1944 until November, 1945.

There won't be a Volume Three, . . . not if we can help it.

FIRST TOUR OF OVERSEAS DUTY

Sept. 13th, 1942—Oct. 1st, 1944

Boarded M.S. Island Mail and departed from Oakland, Calif., Sept. 13th, 1942.
Arrived at Noumea, New Caledonia, Oct. 5th, 1942.
Arrived Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides Group, Oct. 13th, 1942.
Boarded U.S.S. Pinckney and departed from Espiritu Santo, Nov. 23rd, 1943.
Arrived Auckland, New Zealand, Nov. 28th, 1943.
Boarded U.S.S. Rixie and departed from New Zealand, Jan. 2nd, 1944.
Arrived Banika Island, Russells Group, Jan. 8th, 1944.
Boarded L.S.T.'s and departed from Banika, Feb. 22nd, 1944.
Arrived Nissan Island, Green Islands Group, Feb. 25th, 1944.
Boarded L.S.T.'s and departed from Nissan Island, April 1st, 1944.
Arrived Pavuvu Island, Russells Group, April 3rd, 1944.
Boarded U.S.S. Cape Bon and departed from Russells, Sept. 9th, 1944.
Arrived Tulagi, Florida Island, Sept. 11th, 1944.
Arrived Lunga Point, Guadalcanal, Sept. 12th, 1944.
Arrived Pearl Harbor, Hawaiian Islands, Sept. 25th, 1944.
Arrived San Francisco, Calif., Oct. 1st, 1944.



SECOND TOUR OF OVERSEAS DUTY

Boarded U.S.S. Comet and departed from Port Hueneme, Calif., June 4th, 1945.
Arrived Pearl Harbor, Hawaiian Islands, June 12th, 1945.
Departed from Pearl Harbor, June 20th, 1945.
Arrived Eniwetok, Marshall Islands Group, June 28th, 1945.
Departed from Eniwetok, June 30th, 1945.
Arrived Ulithi Islands, Western Carolines Group, July 5th, 1945.
Departed from Ulithi, July 10th, 1945.
Arrived Buckner Bay, Okinawa, July 14th, 1945.
Battalion De-Activated October 29th, 1945, on Okinawa.







... They'll never send us out again. Not after "sweat-in-out" 25 long months on the New Hebrides, Solomons, and Green Islands . . . After all that's a pretty long stretch of foreign duty.

... And so on October 1st, 1944, a weary and travel-worn Fifteenth Construction Battalion, after covering a network of some 25,000 miles and minus about 350 men, who were detached somewhere along the line due to malaria, psycho-neurosis, emergencies, etc., returned to Uncle Sugar. From now on, it would be rest, rehabilitation, good food, a few refresher courses . . . and most important, a 30-day leave.

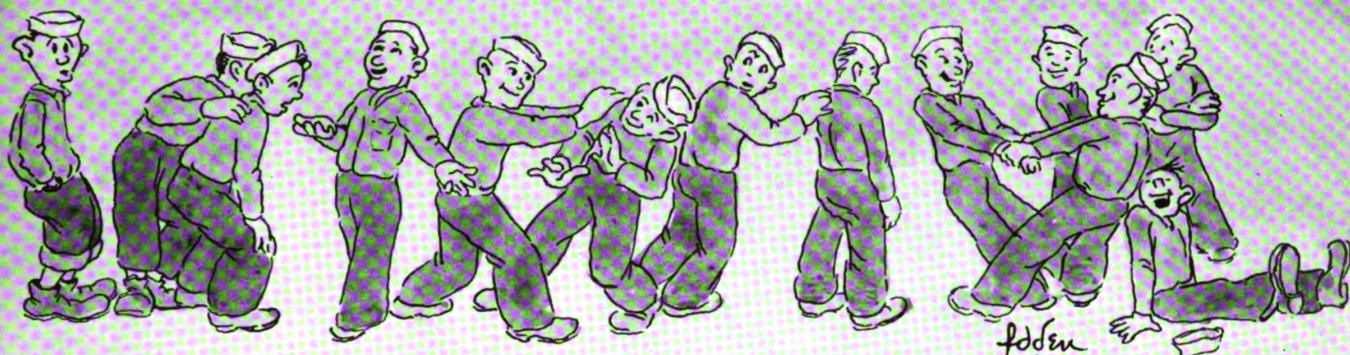
As an Army band blared forth a medley of homecoming tunes, we packed ourselves into a fleet of plush-lined buses, and were off to Camp Parks, nestled in the

heart of the Livermore Valley, approximately 40 miles from San Francisco and Oakland. It was a thrilling and memorable ride, what with our first glimpse of stateside femininity, which was immediately greeted with a series of catcalls, hubba-hubbass, and several other forms of modern salutations which can only be acquired during a long isolated stay on the "Islands." Parks looked like a nice camp, especially when we saw the huge sign—"Welcome 15th C. B." But, at the moment nobody cared—the "Thirty-Day Leave" was the most important event.

Three days later, on October 4th, 1944, personnel of the 15th were off to all corners of the U. S., . . . to the home they had not seen for almost two and one-half years; to children they had never seen; to wives who had



MORE LIVES



enjoyed but a few scant weeks of marital bliss.

The middle of November found the Battalion reunited. Many had become espoused during the 30-day interim, while many found "Dear John" notes waiting for them at home. Already, changes had taken place at Camp Parks. Many of the veteran officers of the 15th C. B. were replaced with new and younger goldbraid. Commander Butler still remained at the helm, flanked by Lt. Walker as his Executive Officer. A group of 300 sea-

men were attached, bringing the Battalion back to full complement. The "Scuttlebutt" was hot and heavy. It seemed we were being readied for another tour of foreign duty; perhaps China or Japan.

Many of the men were sent to various schools for new up-to-date instruction on demolition, land mines, fire-fighting, heavy equipment operation, etc.

There were lighter moments too. Liberty was good if you could get to San Jose, San Francisco, Oakland,





MR. AND MRS. MAX MCGREW



MR. AND MRS. RAY HARDIN

or San Mateo. More time was spent waiting in line to get a bus to town and then waiting again to get a bus back to camp, than was actually spent absorbing some of the finer things a metropolitan city can offer.

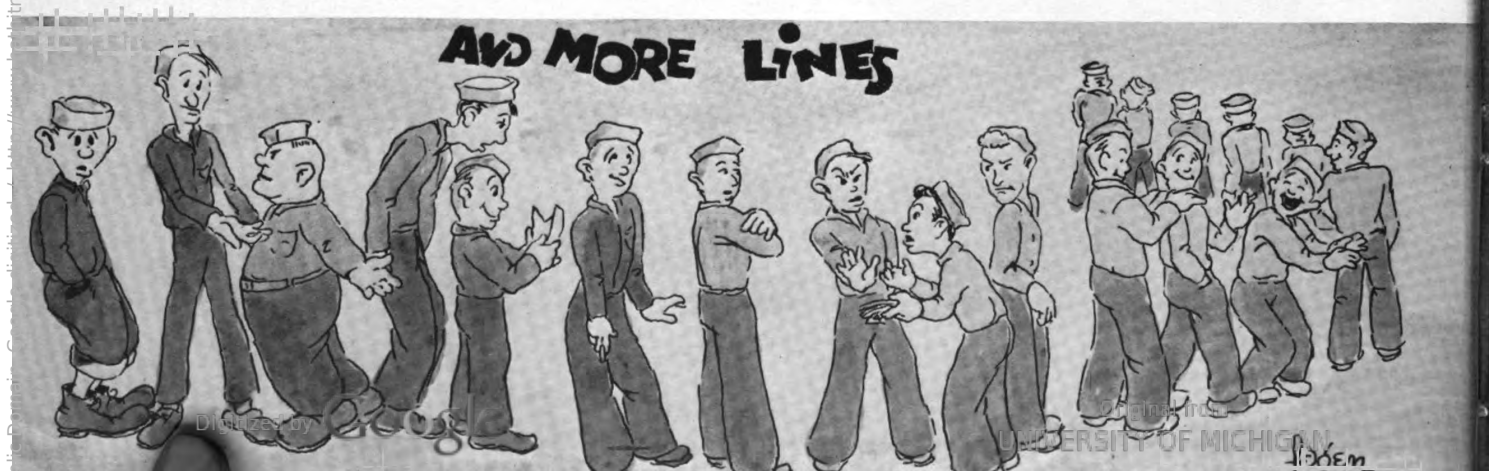
There were also work assignments. Fifteenth C. B. details were assigned to camp maintenance, road construction, warehouse erection, etc.

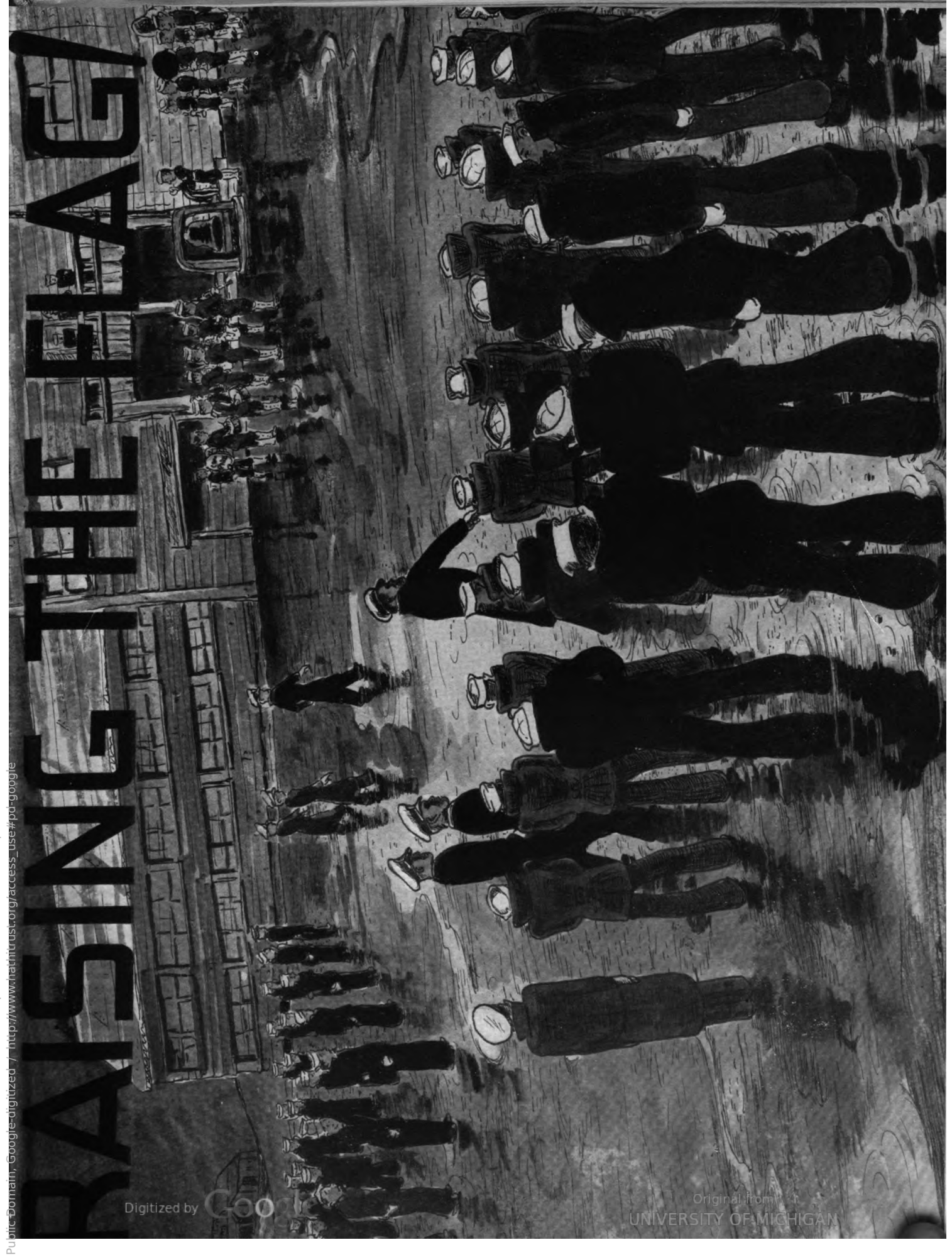
The Camp Parks radio station even dedicated one of its world wide broadcasts to the 15th C. B., and related the story about the time mechanics from the battalion came to the rescue of the U.S.S. Cape Bon while we were enroute to the U. S. The boilers broke down, and

when it became known that parts to repair the ship were not available, the 15th applied some of its "Can-Do" and ingenuity, and in 24 hours, despite heat reaching 140-150 degrees, repaired the damage and set the Cape Bon underway again.

The 15th C. B. basketball team, seeded about tenth, entered the Camp Parks Invitation Tournament and reached the finals, where it came within one point, in two overtime periods, of winning the championship.

Much of the aforesaid may be forgotten, but who will ever forget those practically nocturnal trips to the "black top" to help raise the flag.





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PORT HUENEME, CALIFORNIA

PORT HUENEME, CALIFORNIA

February 22, 1945—June 4, 1945

We were all glad to return to Hueneme, having indulged in some of that Southern California liberty back in '42. There is only one Hueneme, . . . second only to Auckland, New Zealand.

SOME CRAVED LIBERTY

OTHERS WERE TIRED





SOME WORKED . . . AT THE HOLLYWOOD CANTEEN, WHERE A 15TH C. B. DETAIL OF FIFTY CARPENTERS BUILT AN ADDITION TO THE EXISTING BUILDING





THERE WAS OXNARD WITH ITS "OYSTER LOAF" AND . . .





VENTURA AND ITS "GREEN MILL" ... AND ...





THE "CASTLE" ... AND "FERGUSONS" ...
AND OF COURSE ...



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SANTA MONICA





"BOY! LOOK AT THE BABES"



FOR THE MARRIED MEN

YOU DON'T NEED A BATHING SUIT



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THE ARAGON IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER





MILITARY TRAINING



GEAR ISSUE



WAITING FOR THE SQUARE NEEDLE

THEN, SUDDENLY, THE PARTY WAS OVER . . .



IT'S ALL OVER NOW



GETTING PAID



CLEARING THROUGH PERSONNEL

THE 42 YEAR OLDS ARE DISCHARGED

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... COMMANDOS! ...



"WHAT'S THE CHAIR FOR, MATE?"



LOOKING THE CROP OVER

THE SECOND TOUR OF DUTY BEGINS

JUNE 4, 1945

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PATIENCE IS A VIRTUE

E M B A R K A T I O N

OFF FOR THE DOCKS



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EMBARKATION

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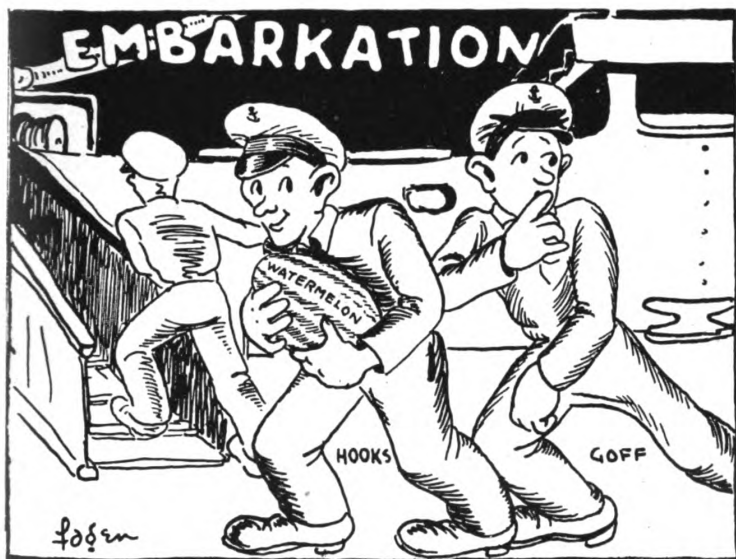
WE BOARD THE "U.S.S. COMET"

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BON VOYAGE



OUR HOME FOR THE NEXT FORTY DAYS



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EACH MAN WAS ASSIGNED TO INDIVIDUAL QUARTERS

SPACIOUS! . . . AIRY!





COMFY . . . WELL-VENTILATED





THE NEVER-ENDING CHOW LINE



OH, WELL . . . IT'S ALL RIGHT IF YOU'RE HUNGRY



JUST A SHORT WAIT FOR SEATS





OFFICERS EAT, TOO

THE BAKERS



THE COOKS





CHOW IS OVER—BUT THE FISH HAVE TO EAT, TOO!!!



HAWAII

Our stop at Hawaii turned out to be a stroke of fate, and a lucky one at that. Boiler trouble seemed to be a constant plague to any ship carrying the 15th C. B. This time, three days out of Hueneme, the boiler blew up and became completely useless. The ship drifted along at four knots and finally managed to crawl into Pearl Harbor four days later for repairs. While the vessel re-

ceived a once-over-lightly, we managed to see the Island of Oahu, via Navy sponsored sightseeing tours. Also managed to cool our increasingly parched throats with some stateside brew. But alas, we had to say "aloha" without observing any of the intricate forms of that fine Hawaiian pastime . . . hula dancing.



THE MEDICAL EXAM

GOLDEN DRAGON INITIATION

JUNE 24, 1945

THE BUCKET TREATMENT

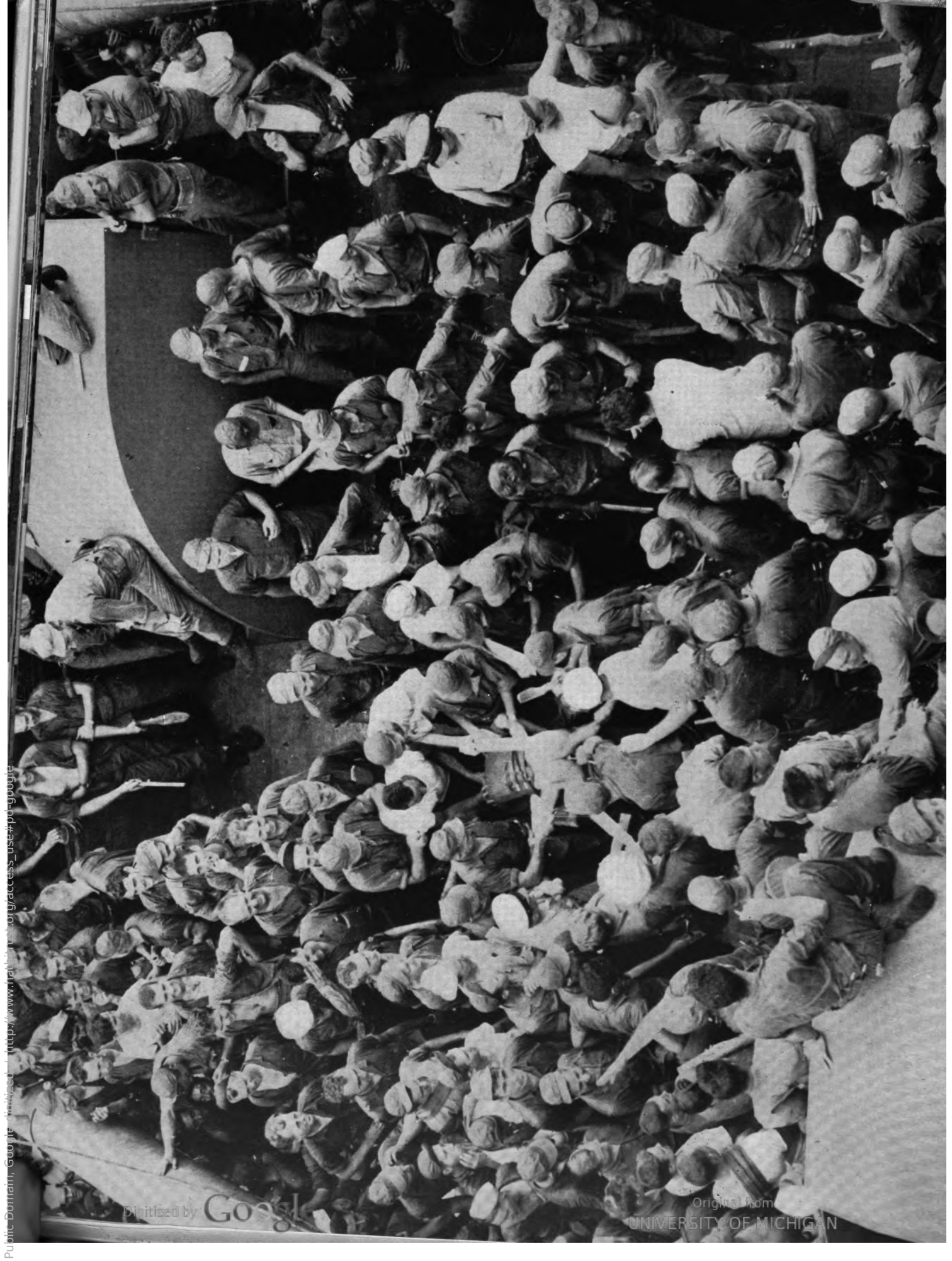


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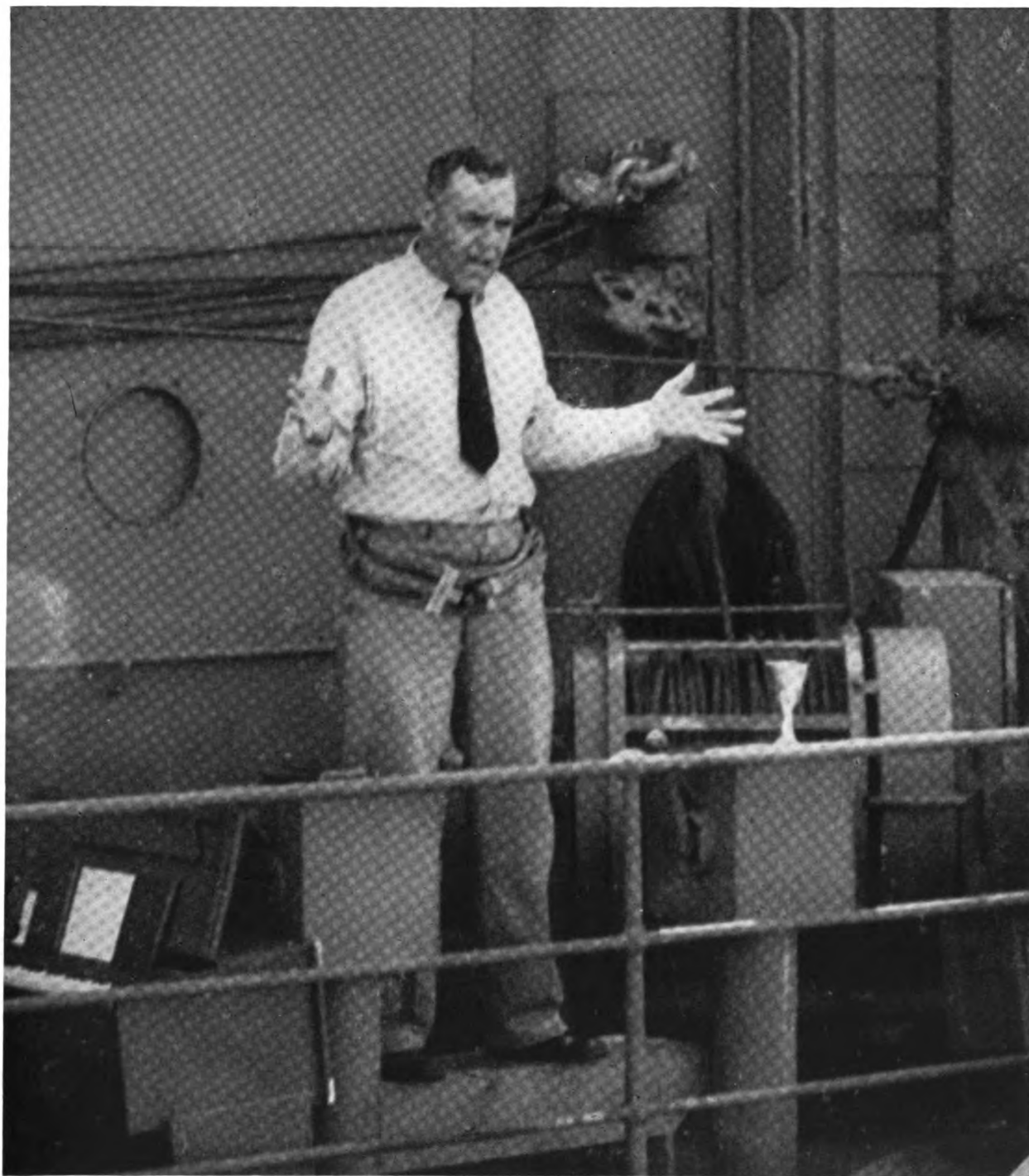


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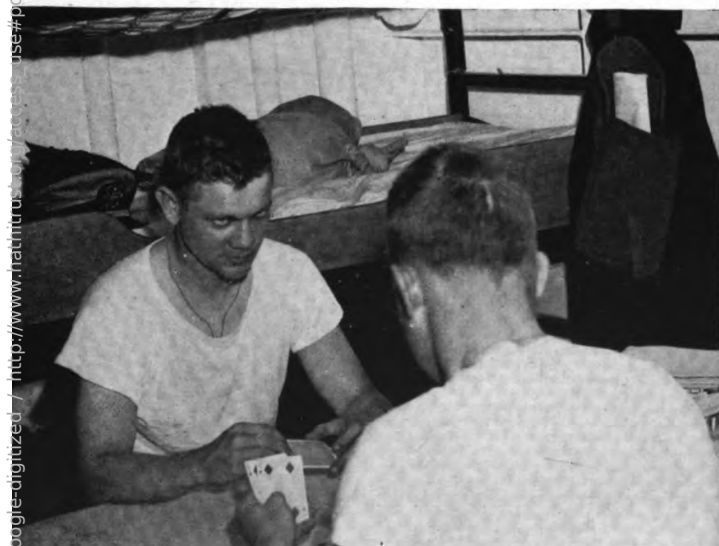
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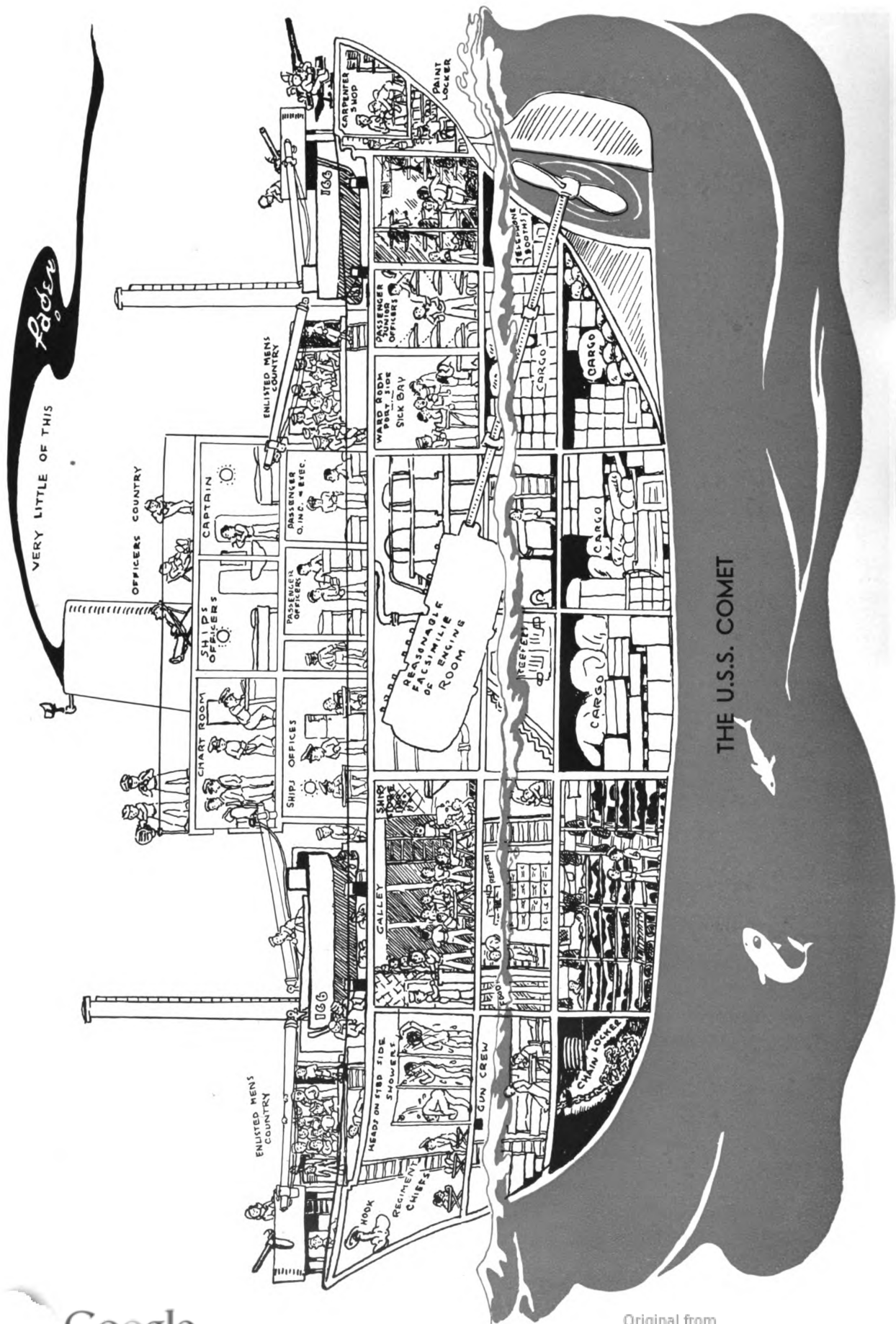
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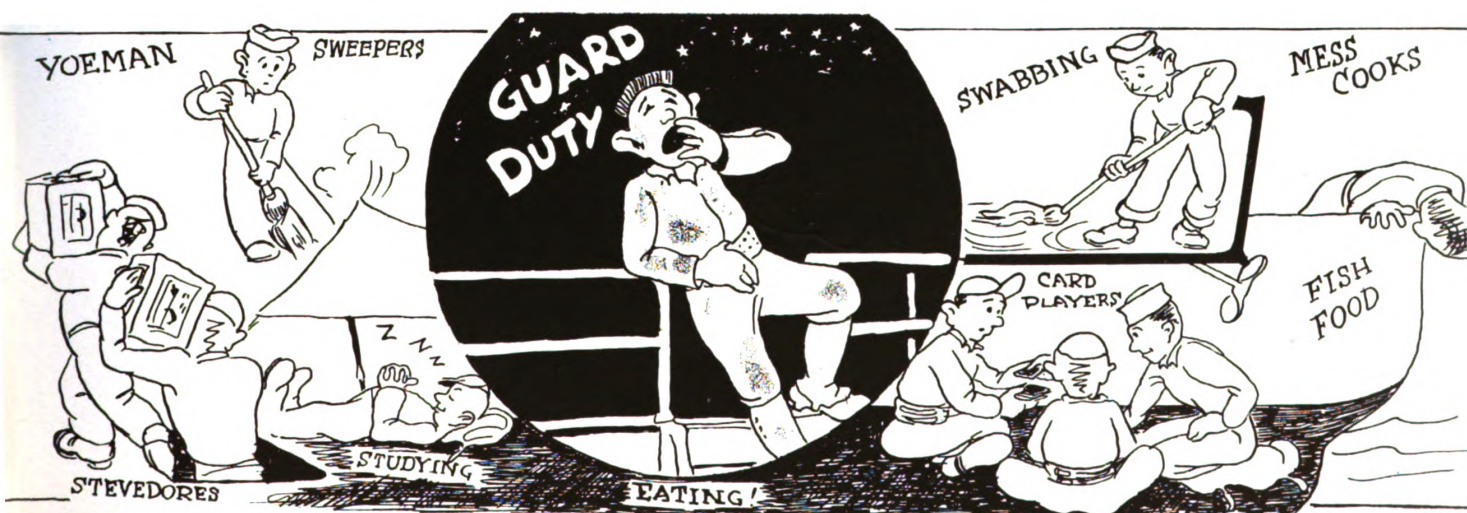
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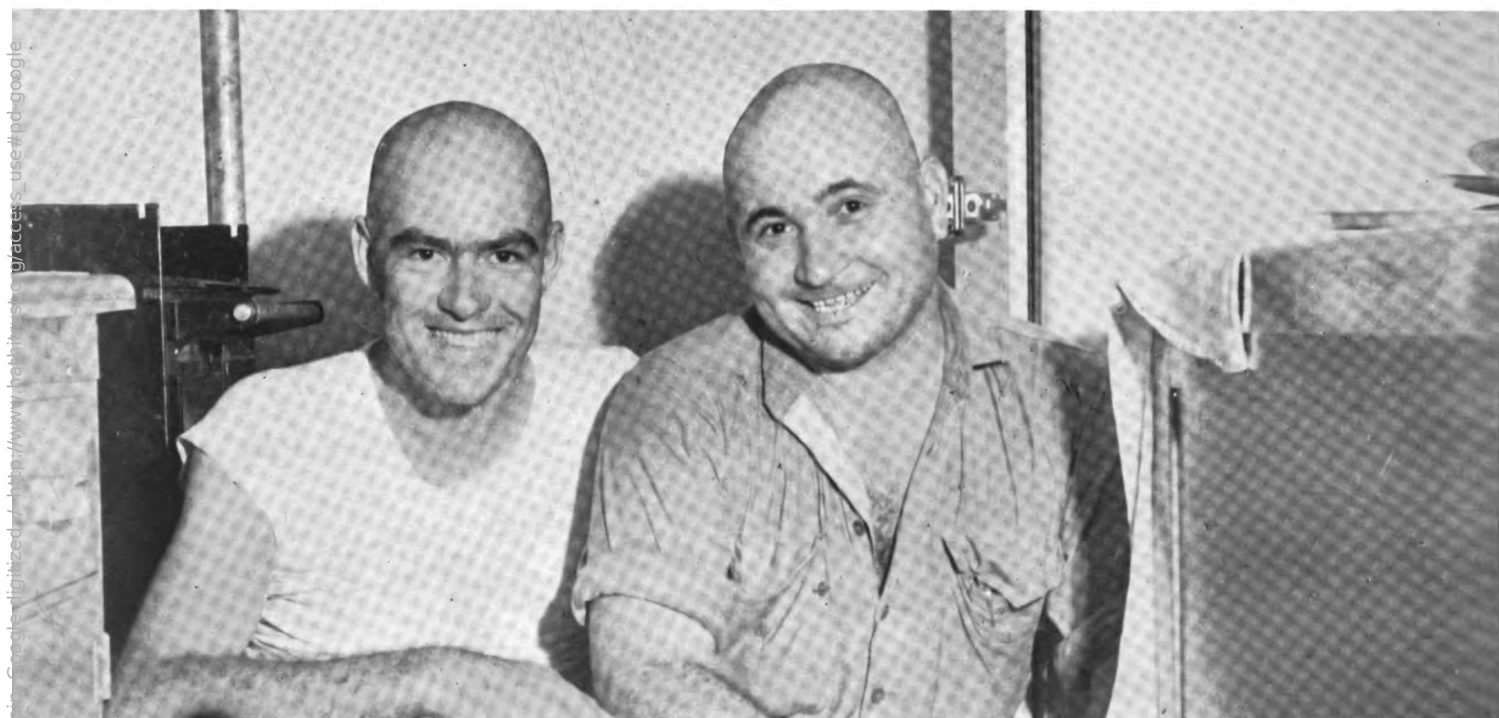
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STARTING A MacALEAVY SPECIAL

TWO SATISFIED CUSTOMERS





15TH C.B. "D - D A Y"

JULY 14, 1945





OKINAWA

After leaving Ulithi as part of a 29-ship convoy, it became quite evident that our destination was Nagasaki Bay (the name was later changed to Buckner Bay), Okinawa. No one knew very much about the island, except that it was "just a stone's throw from Tokyo" and was the scene of some bitter fighting between American and Japanese forces. We had been warned that Okinawa was covered with deadly snakes; that many Jap snipers were still at large; that land mines and booby traps existed in abundance; all of which didn't make us feel any too secure. However, our major problem was Jap suicide planes, the Kamikaze. Target practice, fire-drills and abandon-ship drills were held daily as all gun watches assumed a 24-hour, alert schedule. The three-day trip to Okinawa from Ulithi seemed like three weeks, but all was calm and serene. We pulled into Nagasaki Bay and almost simultaneously with the releasing of the anchor, the climbing nets were dropped and the landing craft lowered over the side into the water.

With full packs, gas masks and rifles lashed to our backs, we struggled down the ropes into the LCM's and LCV's. At any moment we expected to be greeted by the Kamikaze, but the 15th C.B. streak of luck, which saw us through the landings at Espiritu Santo, Russell Islands, and Green Islands, held up, and this landing might just as well have been made in the Hudson River.

The little craft snaked through the reefs and brought us to shore. We climbed aboard ten-wheelers and headed for a conglomeration of brush, weeds, and mud that was to be our camp. Packs were broken loose, pup tents set up, K rations broken out, and we were ready for our first work assignment. Many of the oldtimers weren't going to eat K rations or sleep on the ground. Somehow, their packs managed to contain canned hams, canned chicken and turkey, a blow pot for hot coffee, and even pillows and portions of mattresses.

Our first night on Okinawa would have made a Mack Sennet slapstick comedy strictly second-rate stuff. A perimeter guard was hastily set up with orders to shoot anything that moved outside the camp limits. No one noticed that the camp was surrounded by a field of tall cornstalks, and as the wind swept through the field that night it seemed as if the entire Jap army was advancing upon us. Our guards were wide awake though, and met the onrushing enemy with a volley

of lead and flares that would make a Marine Raider Division sit up and take notice.

Unloading ship was the number one task, and all hands turned to 24 hours per day. The food was still confined to K rations, and home was still the pup tent. After the first week, the camp started to grow, with regular 16' x 16' pyramid tents replacing the dehydrated versions and a hastily erected galley offering some hot chow . . . which turned out to be C rations. The only difference between the C's and the K's is that the former comes in larger cans.

There were air-raid alerts, and occasionally a ship in the harbor was hit, but as a whole it turned out to be just a nuisance rather than a wave of destruction. Two well-fed Japs were shot one morning a few yards out side of camp—they had to be buried quickly to keep the souvenir hunters away.

The entire island of Okinawa is covered with tombs, where for centuries the Okinawans stored brightly glazed china urns containing the ashes and bones of their deceased. It was in these tombs that the Japs hid and carried on some of their hardest fighting, and to these same tombs the Seabees flocked for souvenirs. Only after a few men were wounded by Jap snipers did the pilgrimages to these picturesque caves stop.

The natives, or "Gooks," as the American armed forces named them, were a friendly lot and seemed quite content with American occupation. However, the male sex was either 7 or 70 and ditto the femininity. Nowhere during our 31 months in the Pacific have we seen anything that remotely resembled a young woman. There was no need for any non-fraternization rulings here.

We were located about ten miles from Naha and Shuri, and naturally, at the first opportunity, all men flocked to the big city. Big city! huh! Both Naha and Shuri were just masses of debris. The vaunted castle of Shuri turned out to be just a lonely, solitary bomb-shattered wall, looking about as much a part of a castle as spam resembles steak.

Remove the "Gooks," the airfields, the rice paddies, and the tombs, and Okinawa might well be Connecticut.

They do have winds here. For further information on that subject we refer you to any stateside paper dated October, 1945. . . .

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THE BATTLE-SCARRED PLAINS OF SHURI





BUCKNER BAY . . . AND BROWN BEACH



SETTING UP PUP TENTS



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SHOOT ANOTHER FLARE!

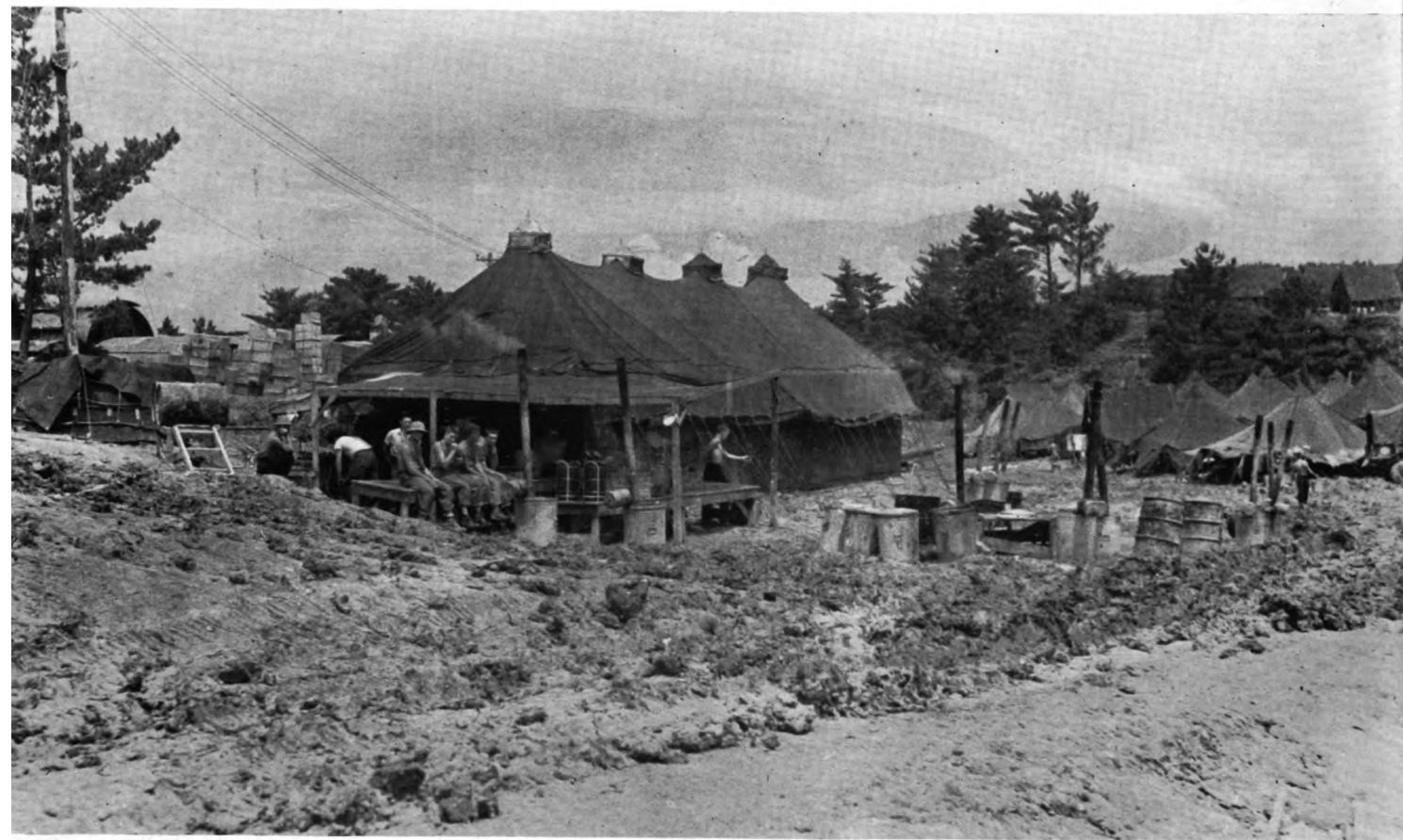


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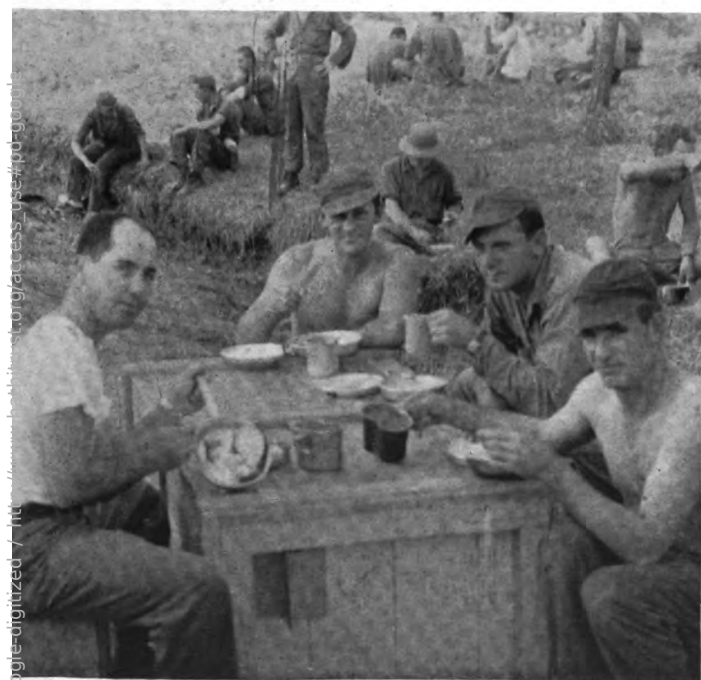


THREE DAYS LATER . . . THE CAMP STARTS GROWING





THE FIRST GALLEY



MESS HALL NO. 1



THE SCULLERY



MESS HALL NO. 2



. . . THEN THE RAINS CAME . . .





. . . MUD AND MORE MUD . . .





CLEARING FOR HOSPITALS 7 AND 8

WORK PROJECTS START IMMEDIATELY

A CORAL PIT IS STARTED



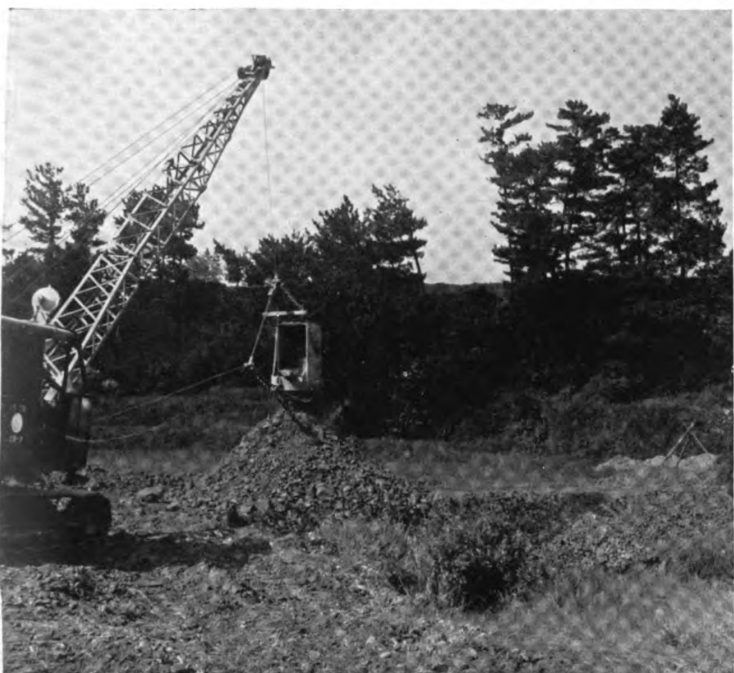


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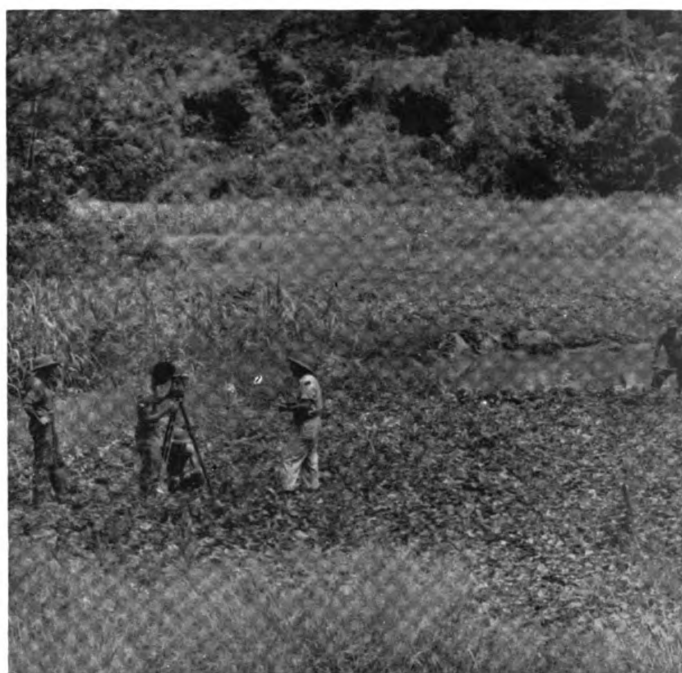
HAULING CORAL . . . ROUND THE CLOCK



PROJECTS



DRAINING THE RICE PADDIES



SURVEYING THE SITE FOR A HIGHWAY





LOOKING OVER THE SITE





THIS WILL BE THE GENERAL'S OFFICE



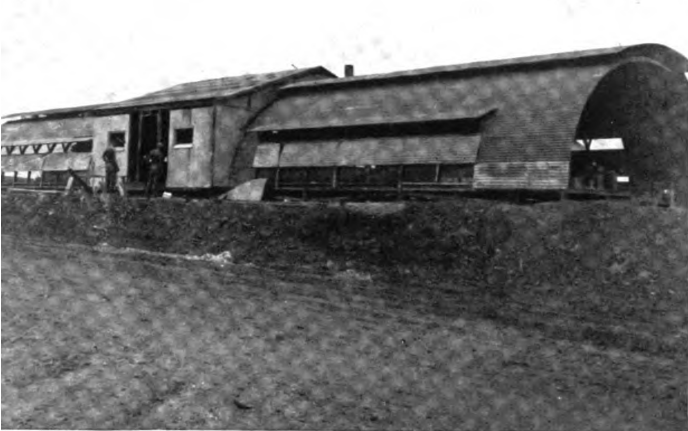
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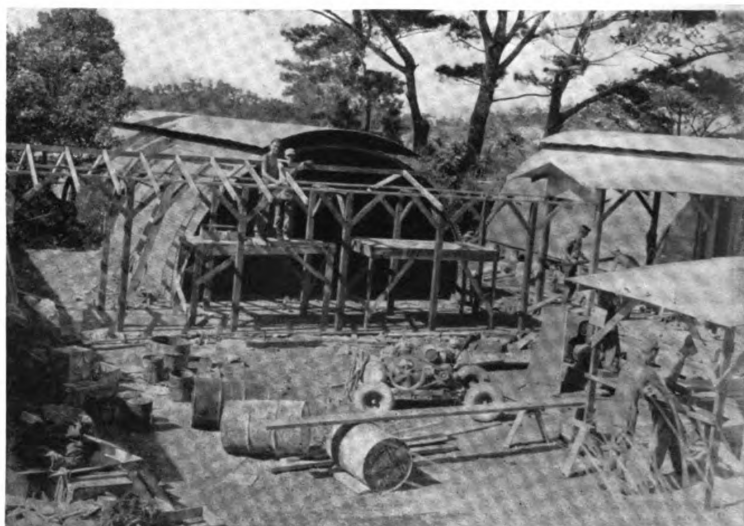
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THE GENERAL'S OFFICE



THE GENERAL'S GUEST HOUSE AND MESS HALL



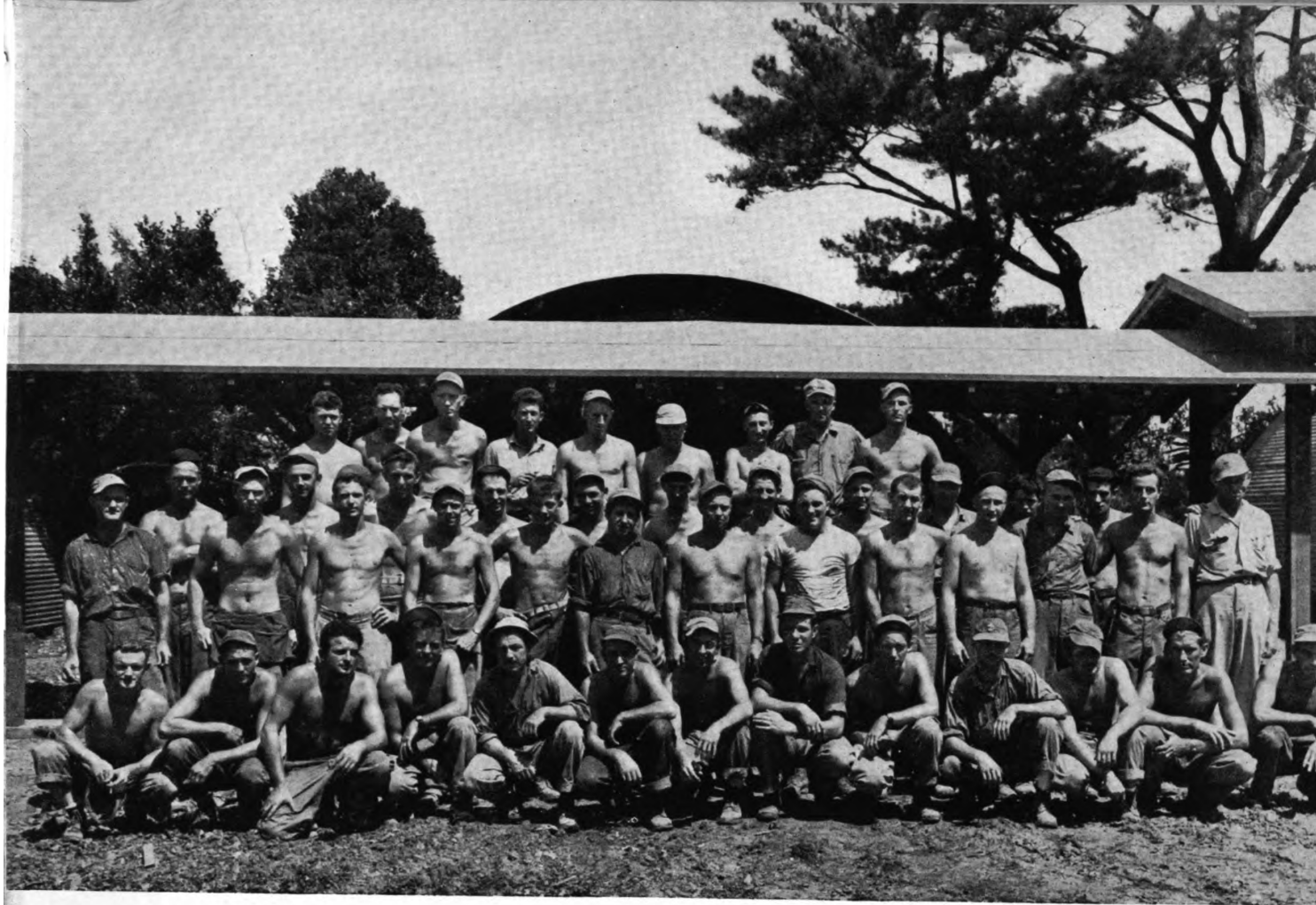
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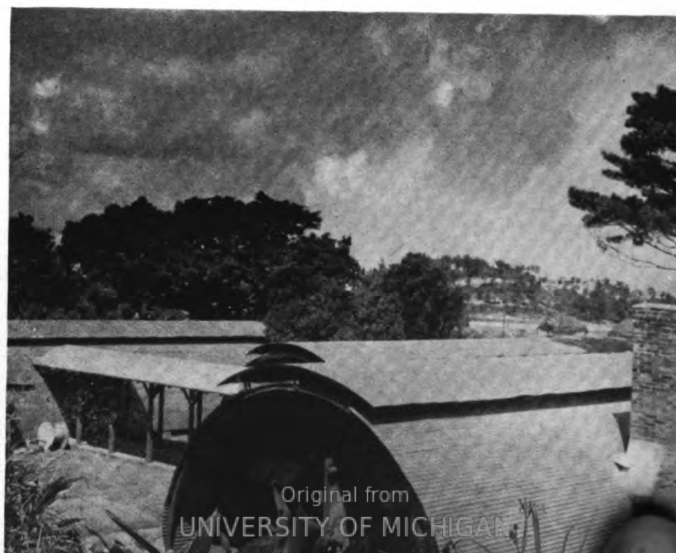
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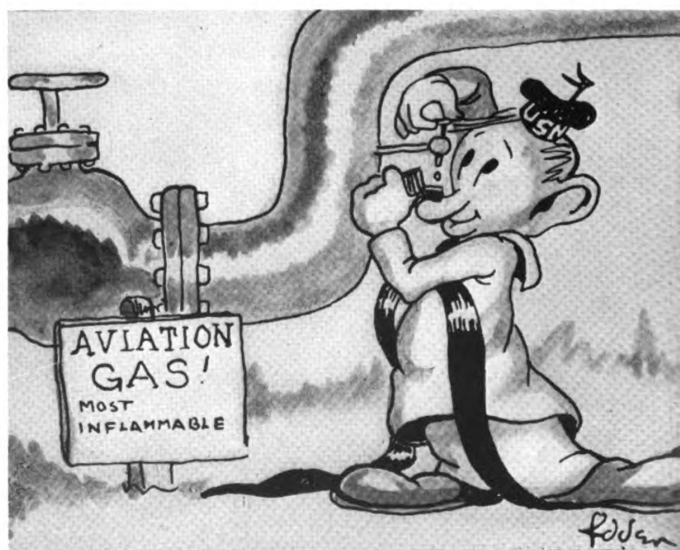
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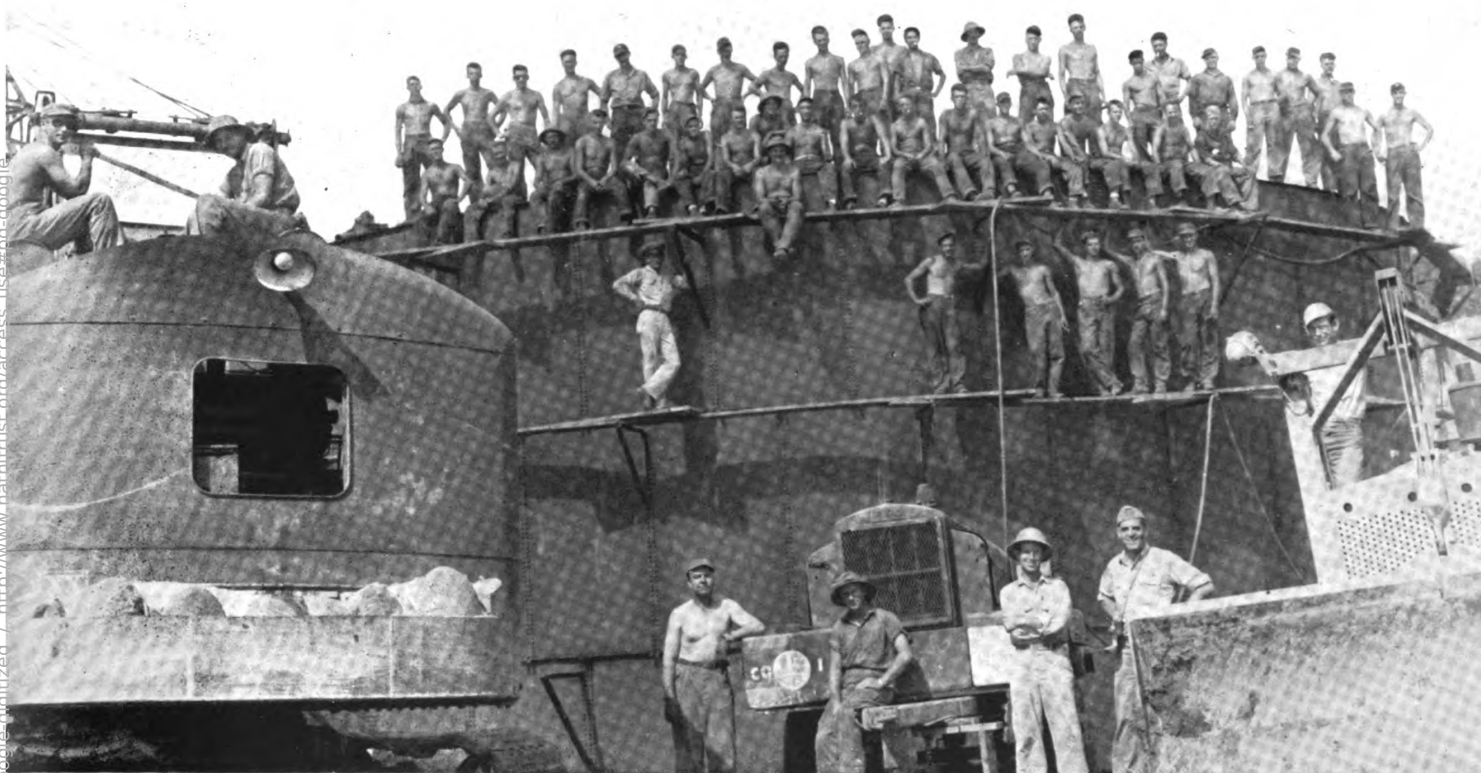
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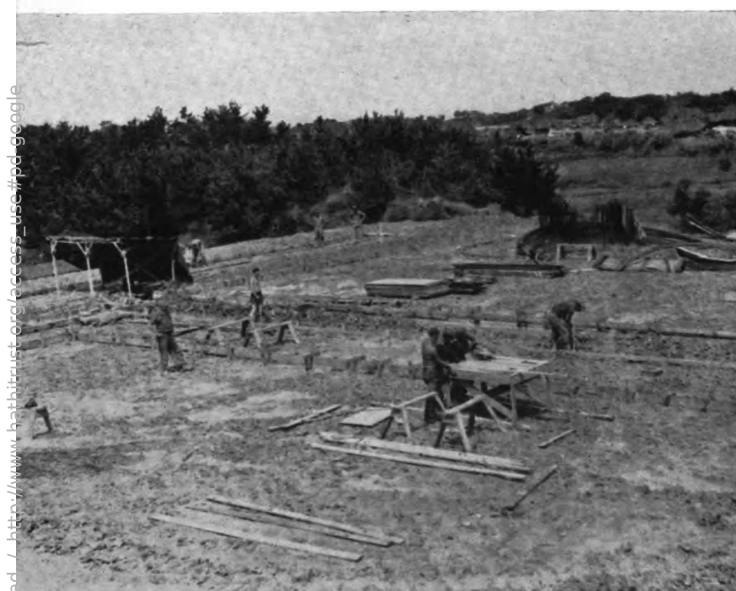




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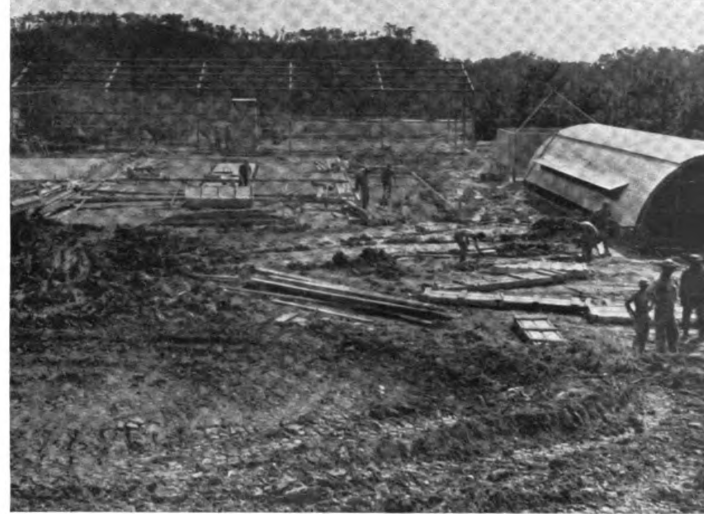
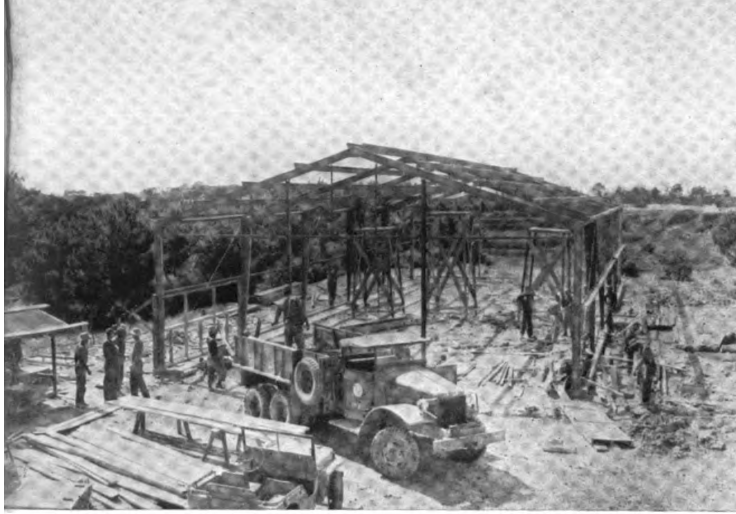
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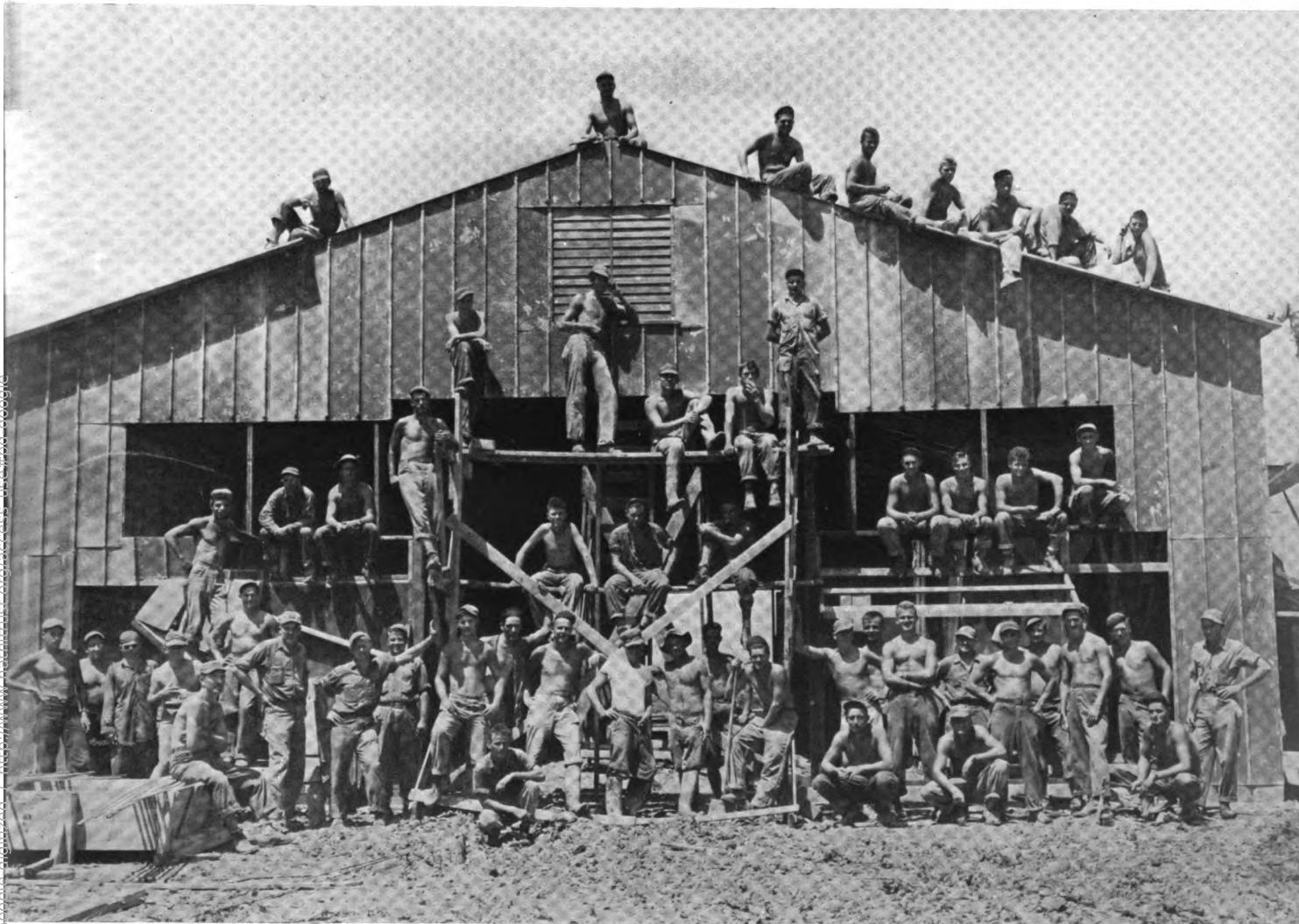
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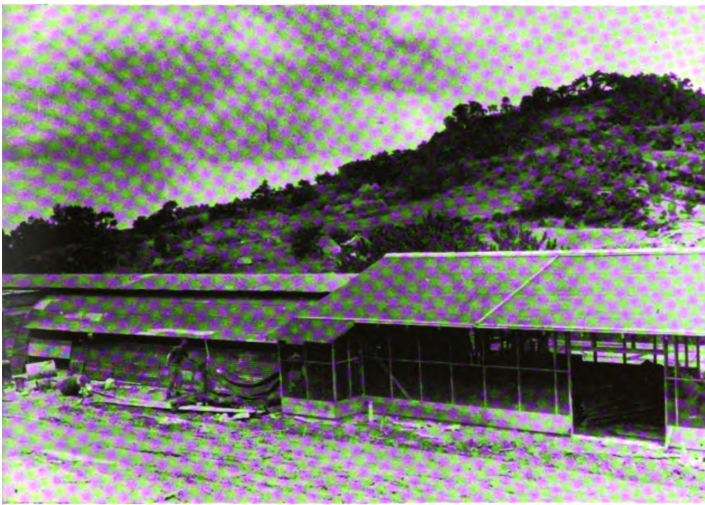


THE 15TH CB PILEDRIVER

PONTON BARGE PIER



SPECIAL AUGMENTED HOSPITALS 7 AND 8



THE ENLISTED MEN'S MESS HALL

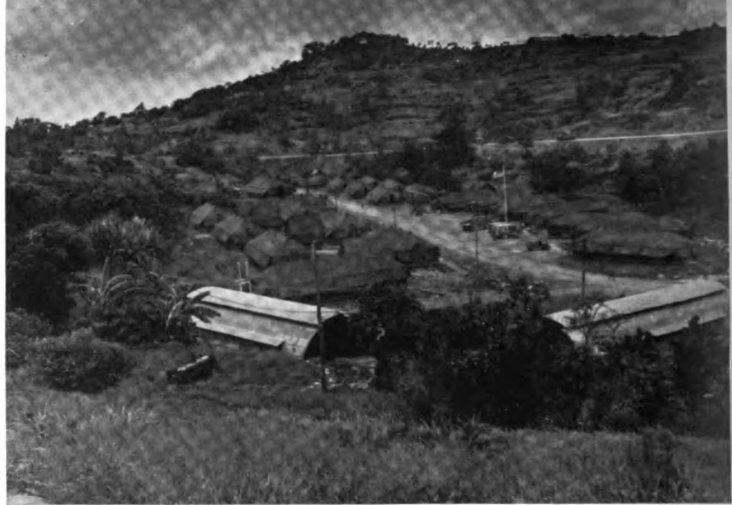


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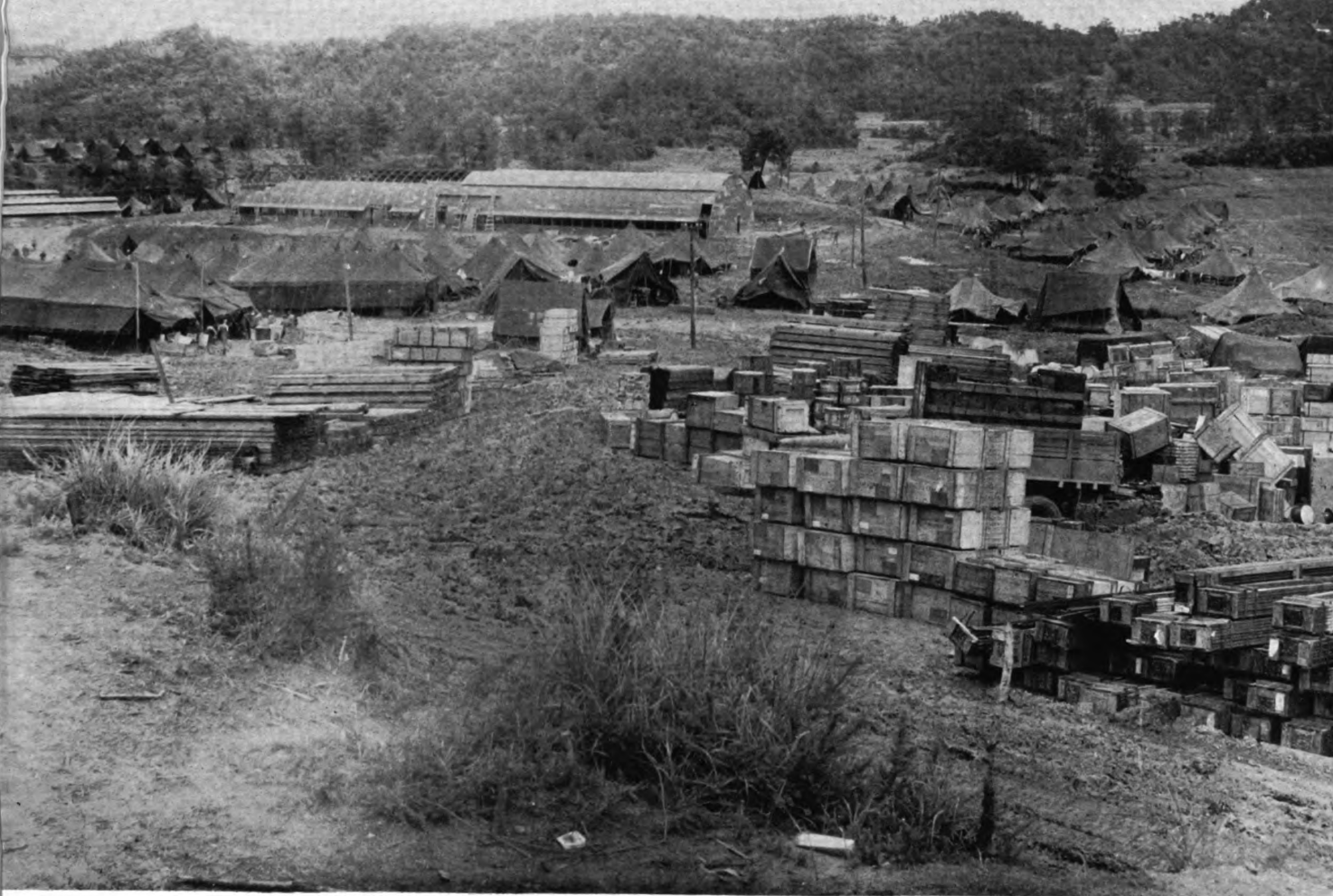




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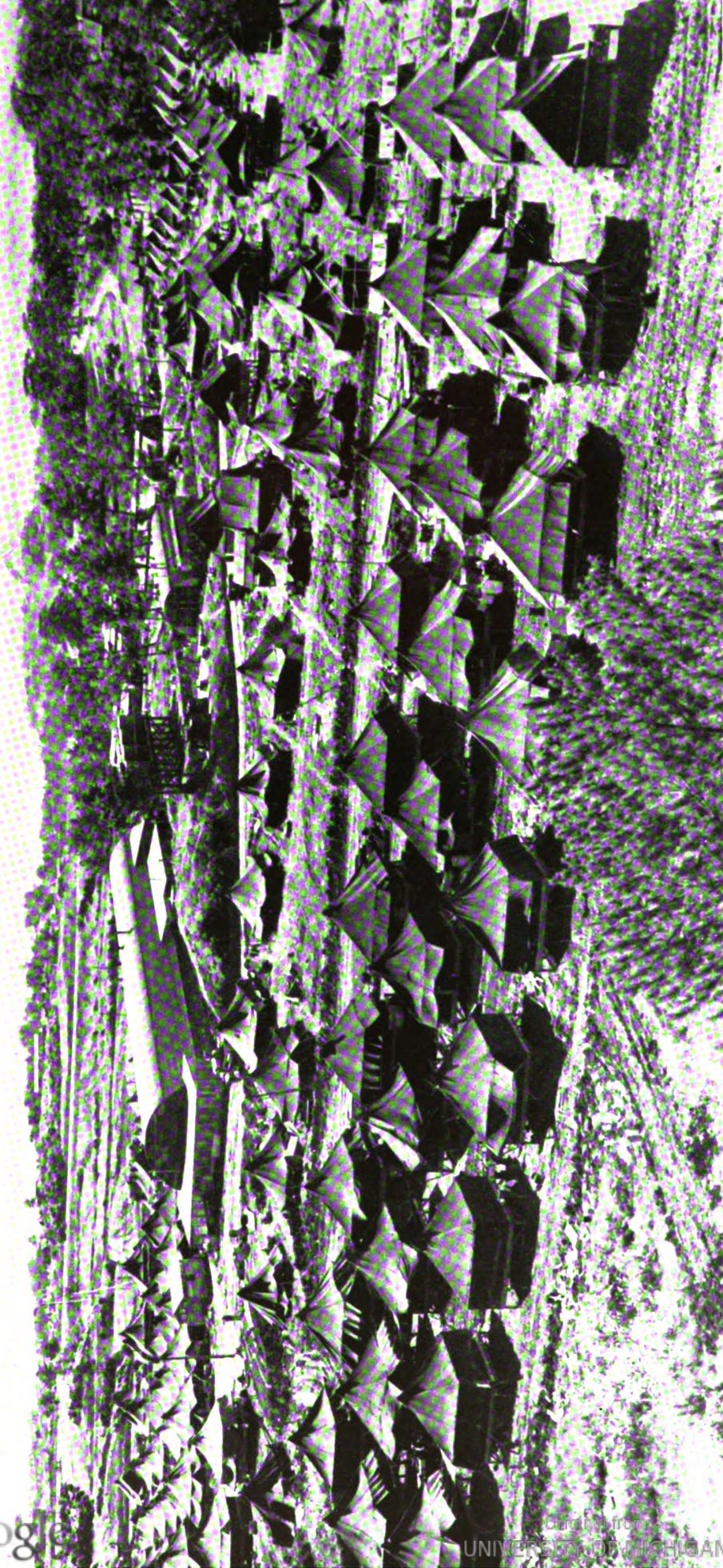
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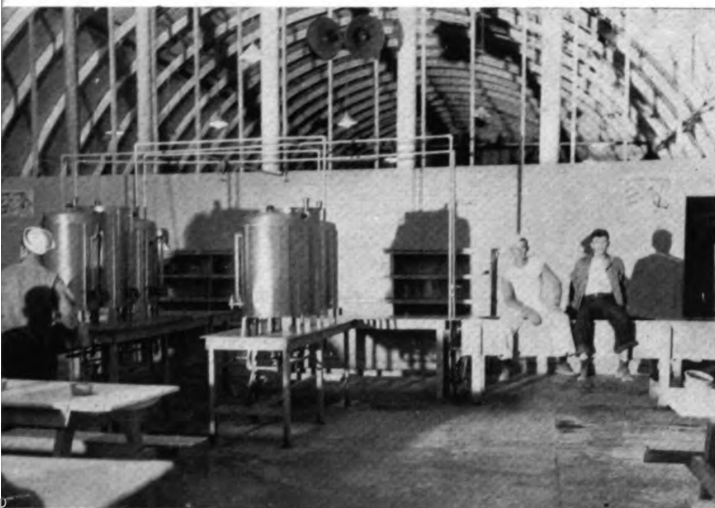
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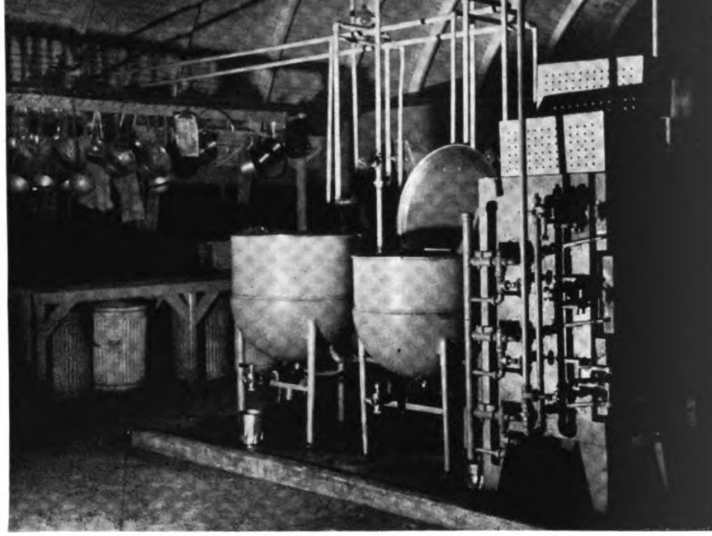
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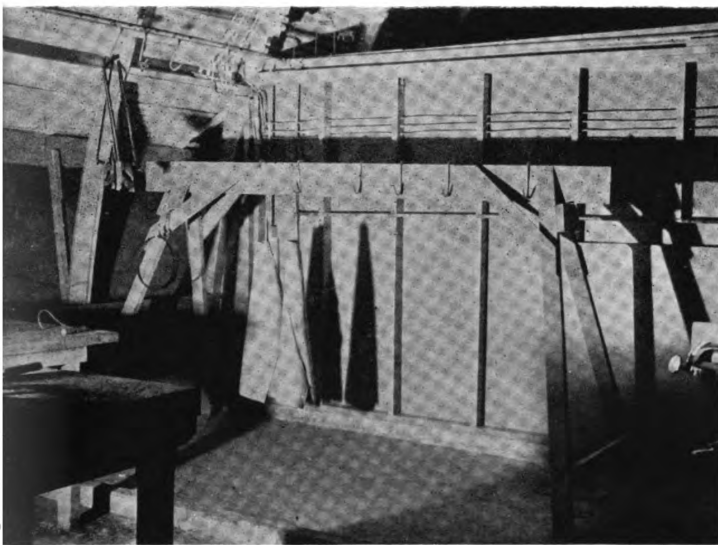
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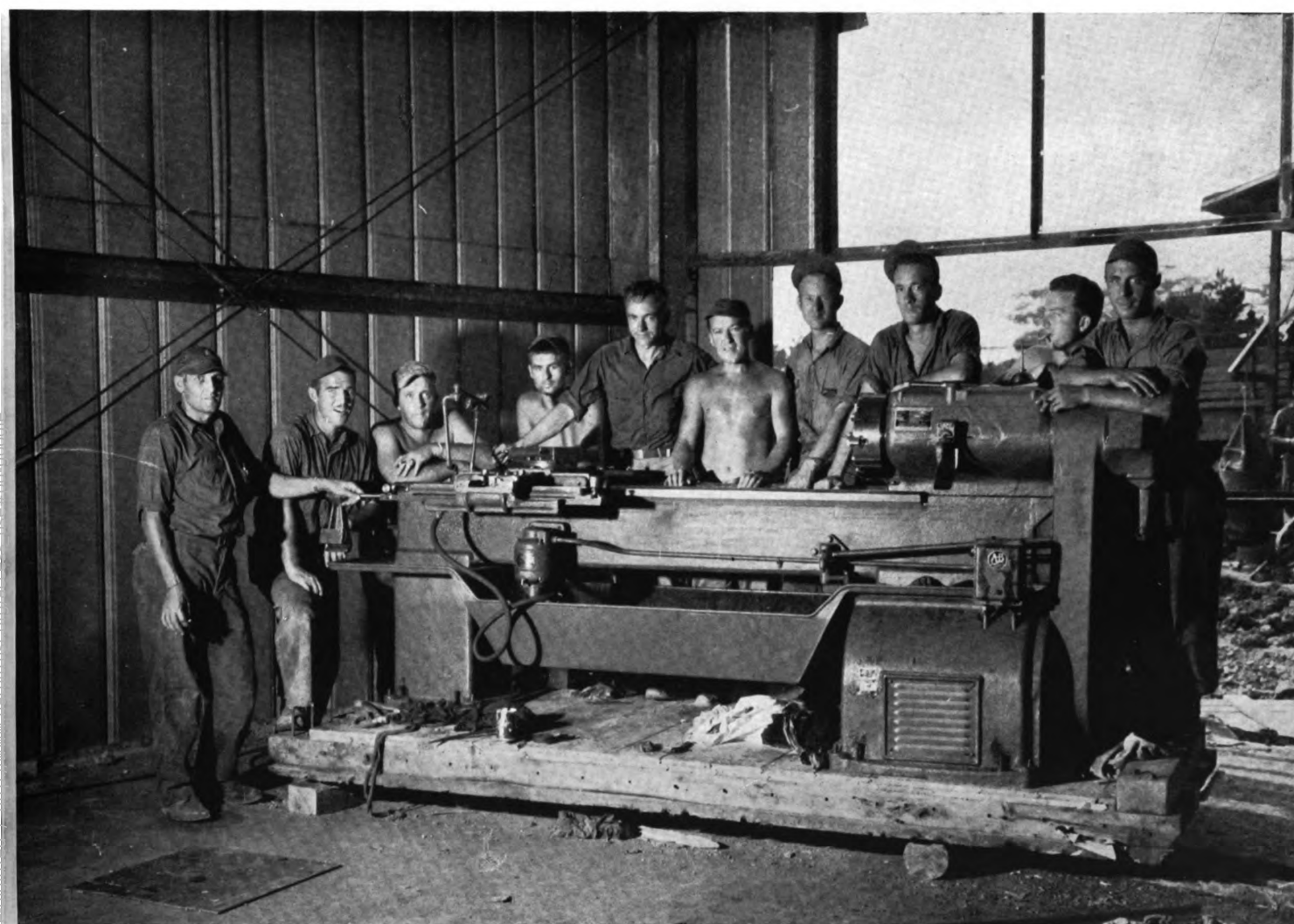
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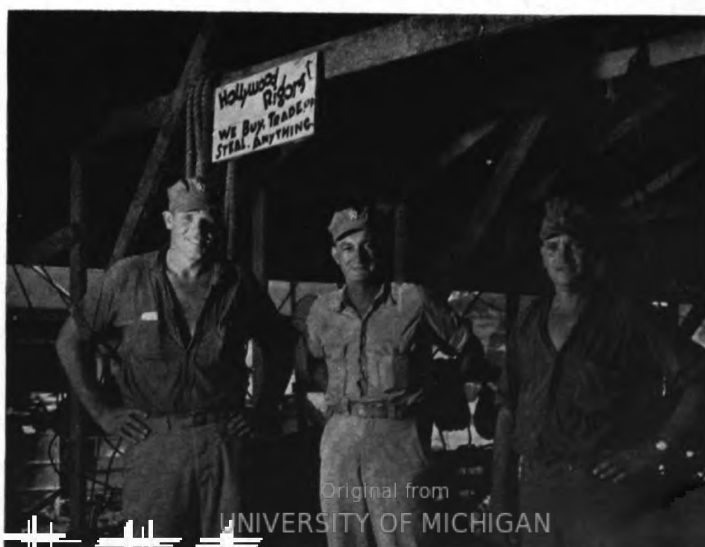
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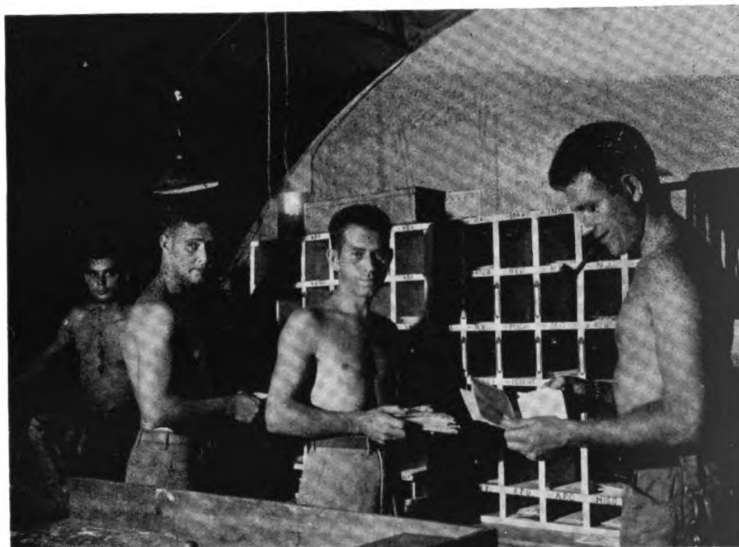




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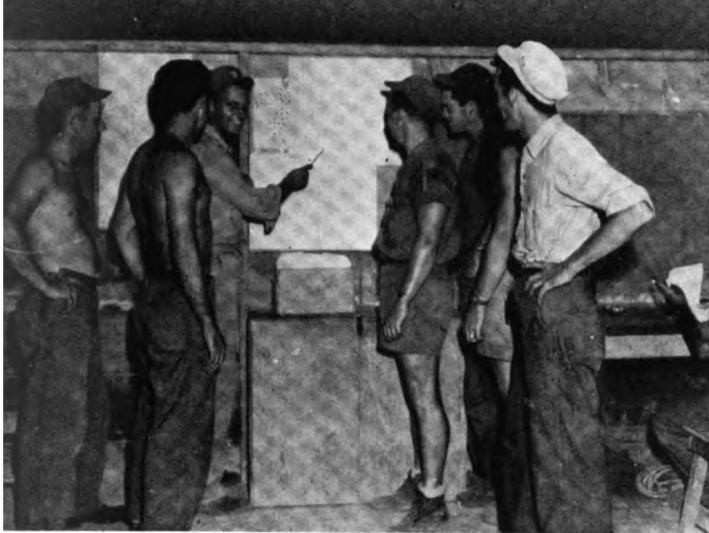
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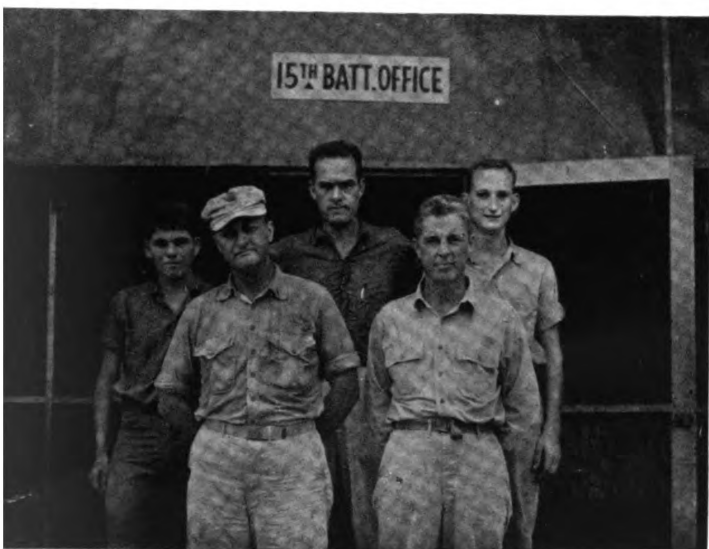
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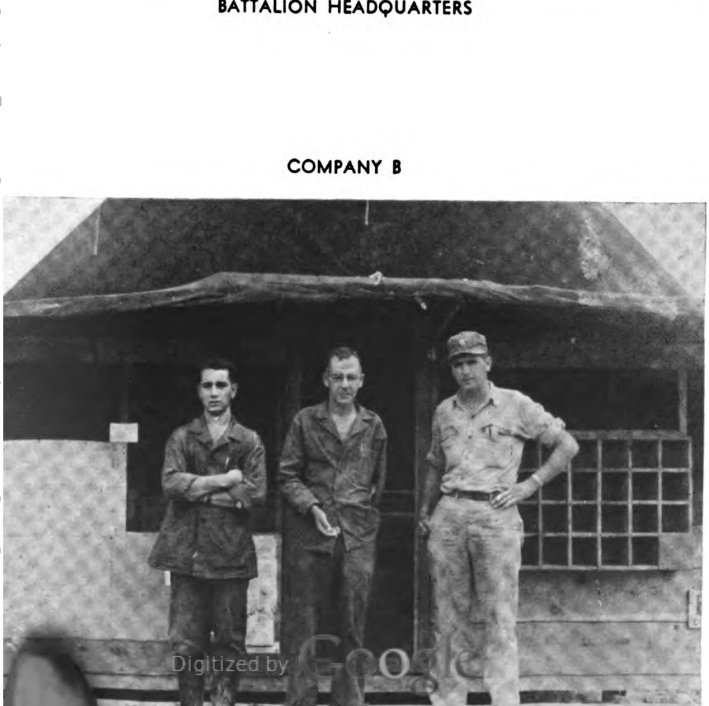
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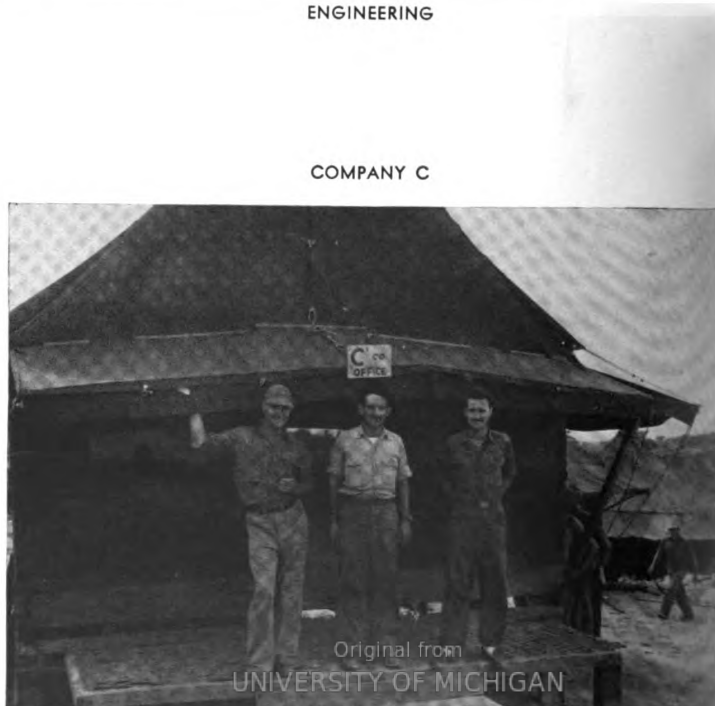
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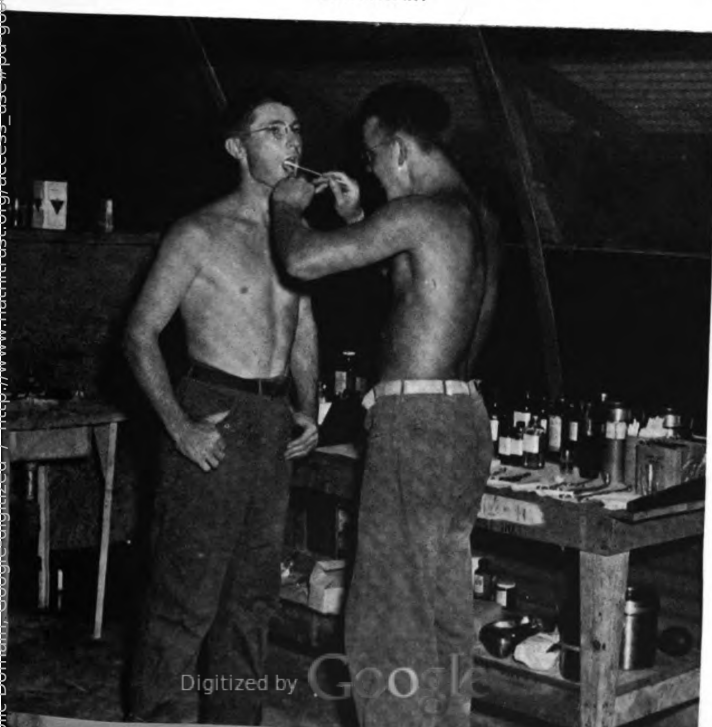


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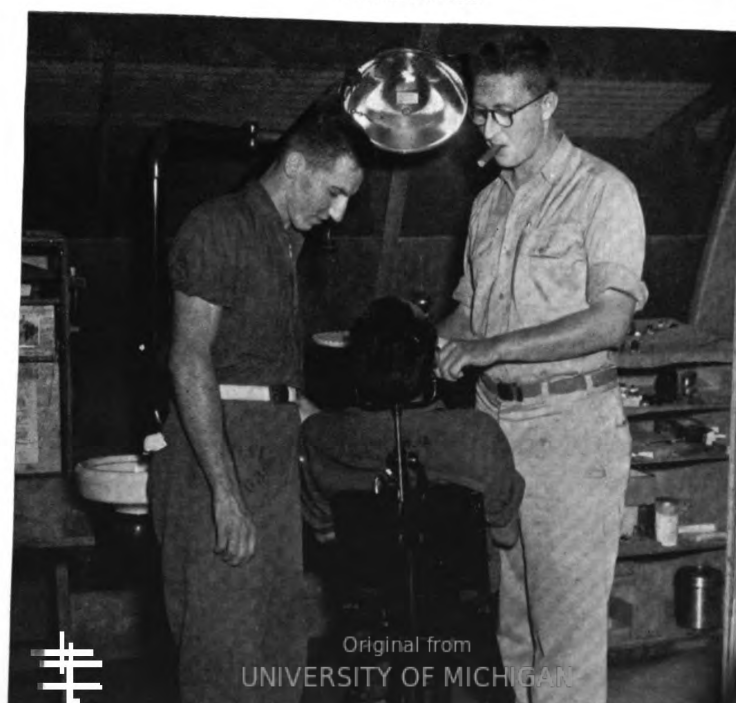


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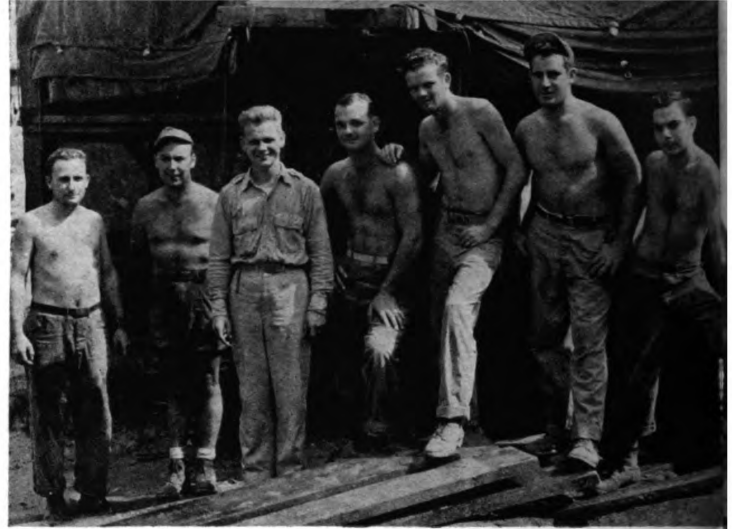
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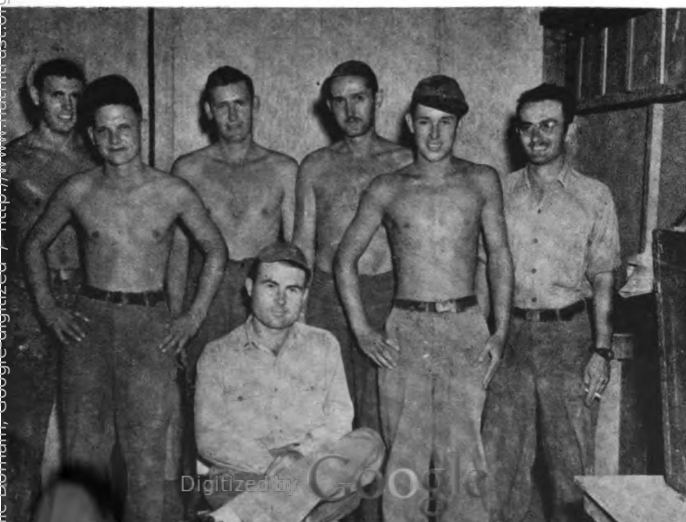


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THE 15TH CB QUARTET



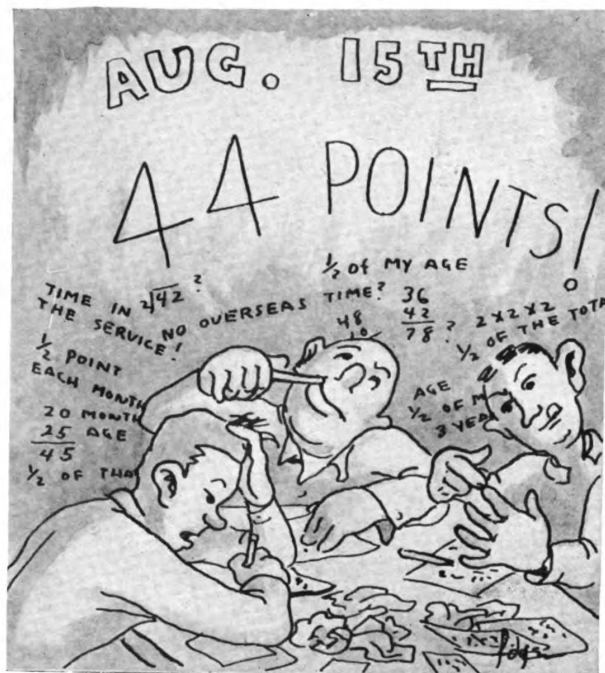
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THE 15TH C.B. ARMORY FIRE





THE FIRST "44-POINTERS" LEAVE FOR UNCLE SUGAR



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A PORTION OF OFFICERS' COUNTRY

THE 15TH CB CAMP AFTER THE WINDS DIED DOWN





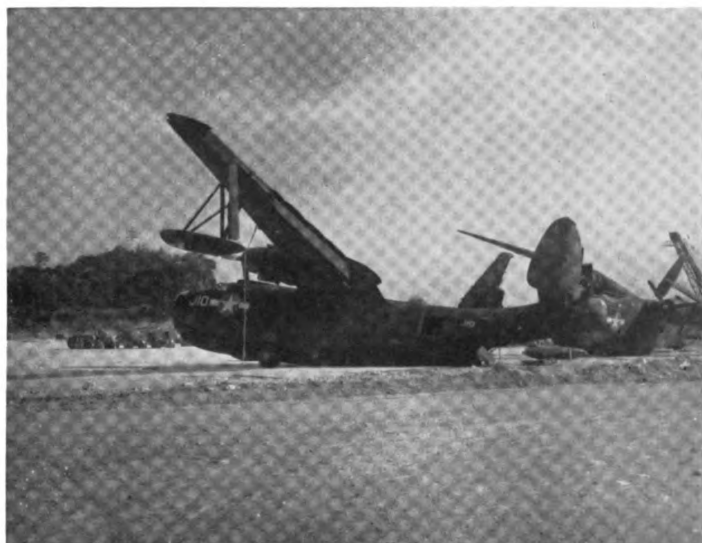
QUONSET HUTS WERE TOSSED ABOUT LIKE BALLOONS



COMMANDER BUTLER'S QUARTERS



DOCKS WASHED AWAY



THE SEAPLANE BASE

TOUGH WAR, AIN'T IT?



15TH CB TIRE SHOP



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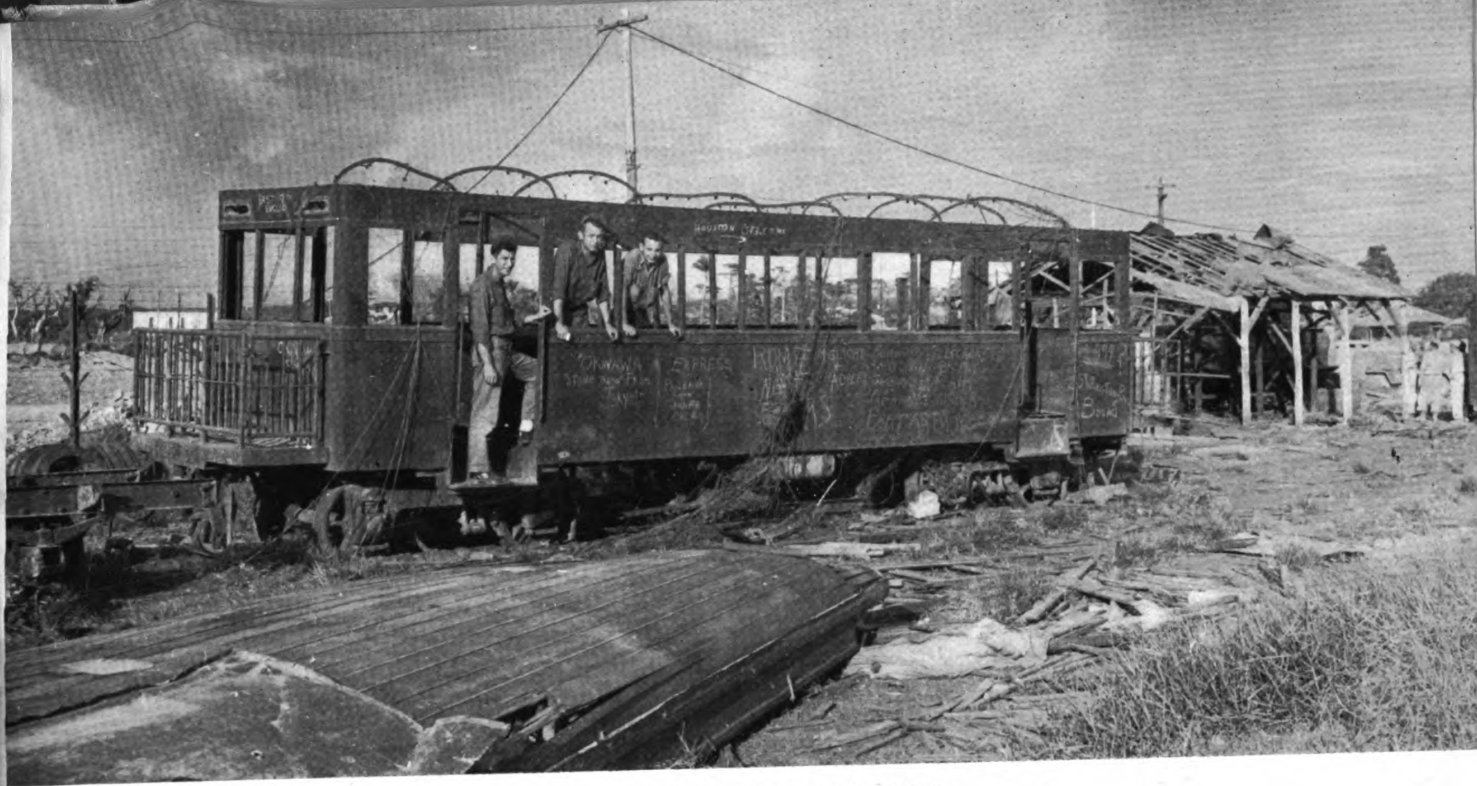




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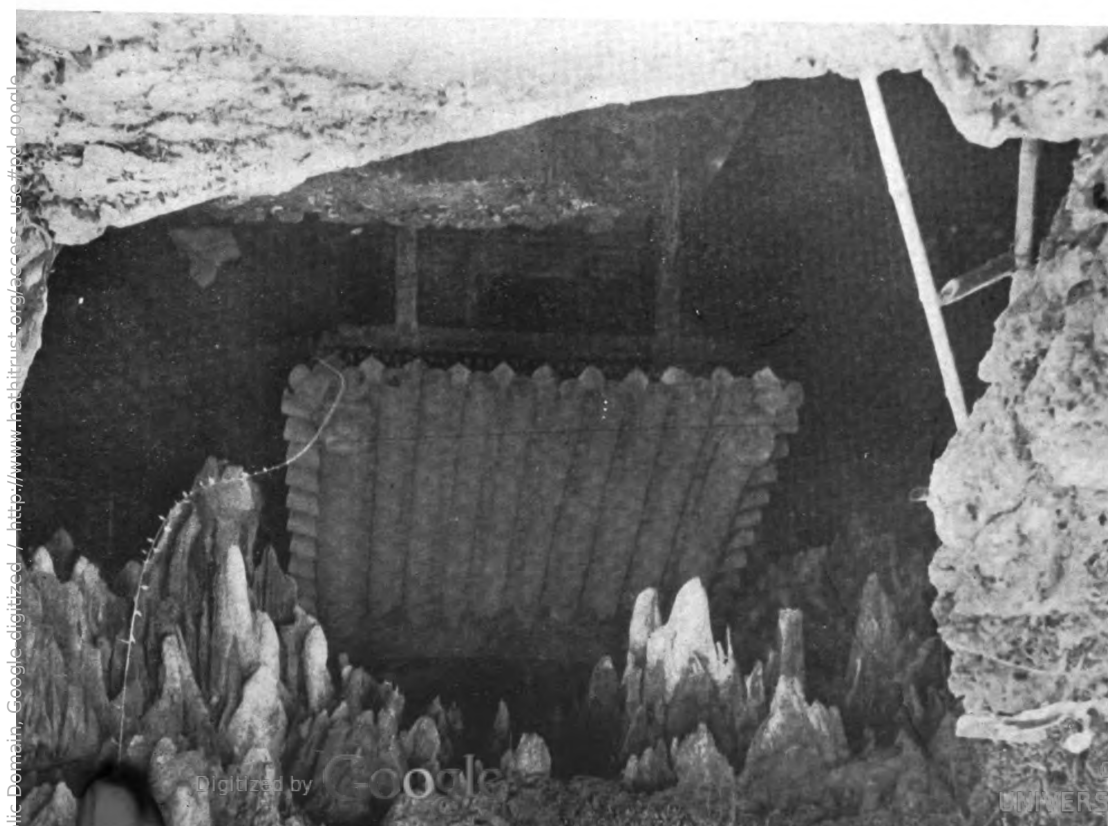
THE NHAHA RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM

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A JAP BOMBER



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THE BAKA BOMB

AUGUST 10, 1945 . . . FLARES AND TRACERS SCREAM ACROSS OKINAWA SKIES





THE RICH NATIVE'S HOME



THE POOR NATIVE'S HOME



A BUNCH OF THE BOYS WERE WHOOPING IT UP . .



A FORMER OKINAWAN HOME





ISHAKAWA NATIVE COMPOUND CONSTRUCTED UNDER SEABEE SUPERVISION

TOMBS





Headquarters Tenth Army

7 September 1945

Surrender

The undersigned Japanese Commanders, in conformity with the general surrender executed by the Imperial Japanese Government, at Yokohama, on 2 September 1945, hereby formally render unconditional surrender of the islands in the Ryukyus within the following boundaries:

30° North 126° East, thence 24° North 122° East, thence
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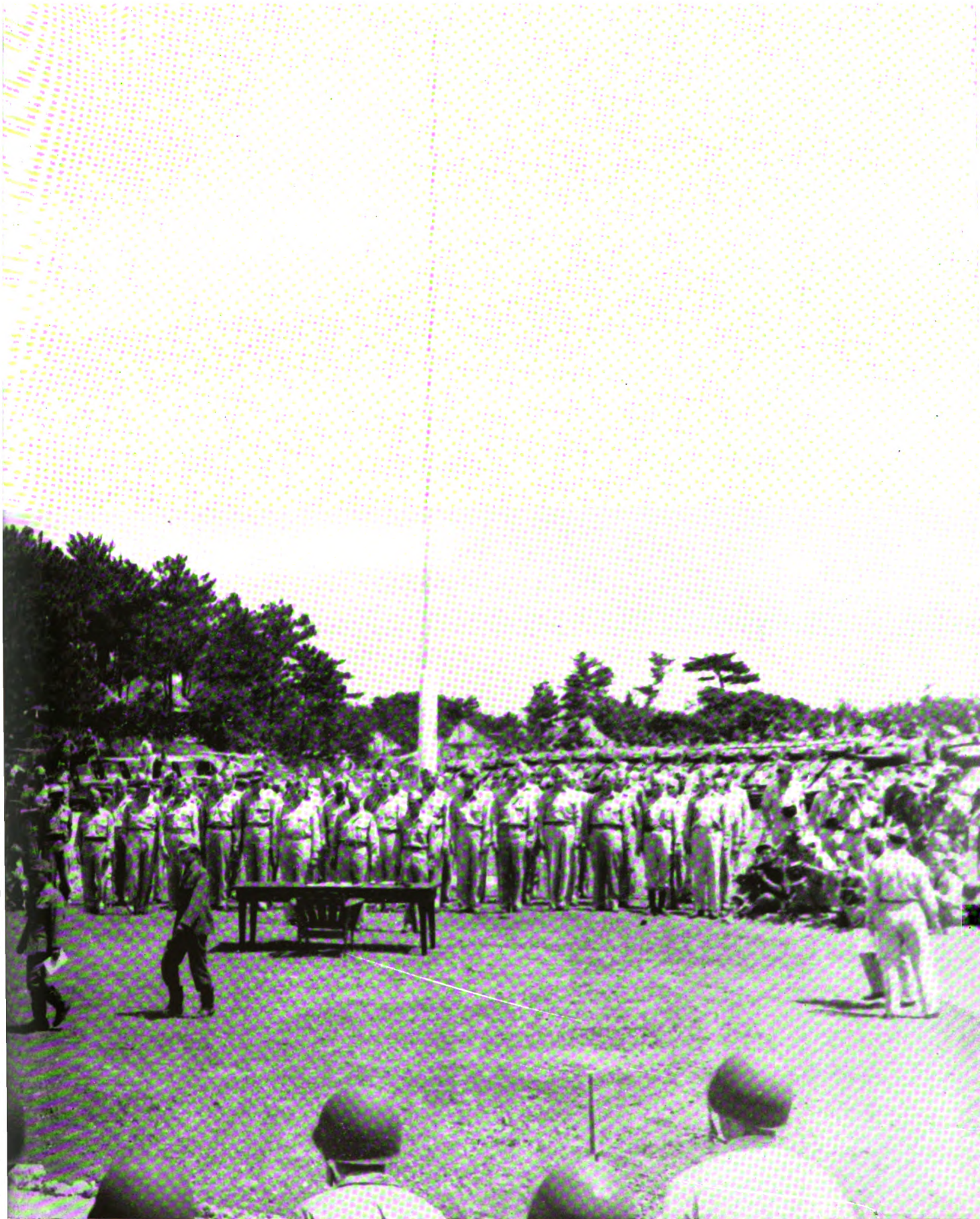
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THE JAP OFFICERS LEAVE AFTER

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THE JAP DELEGATION SALUTING THE AMERICAN FLAG



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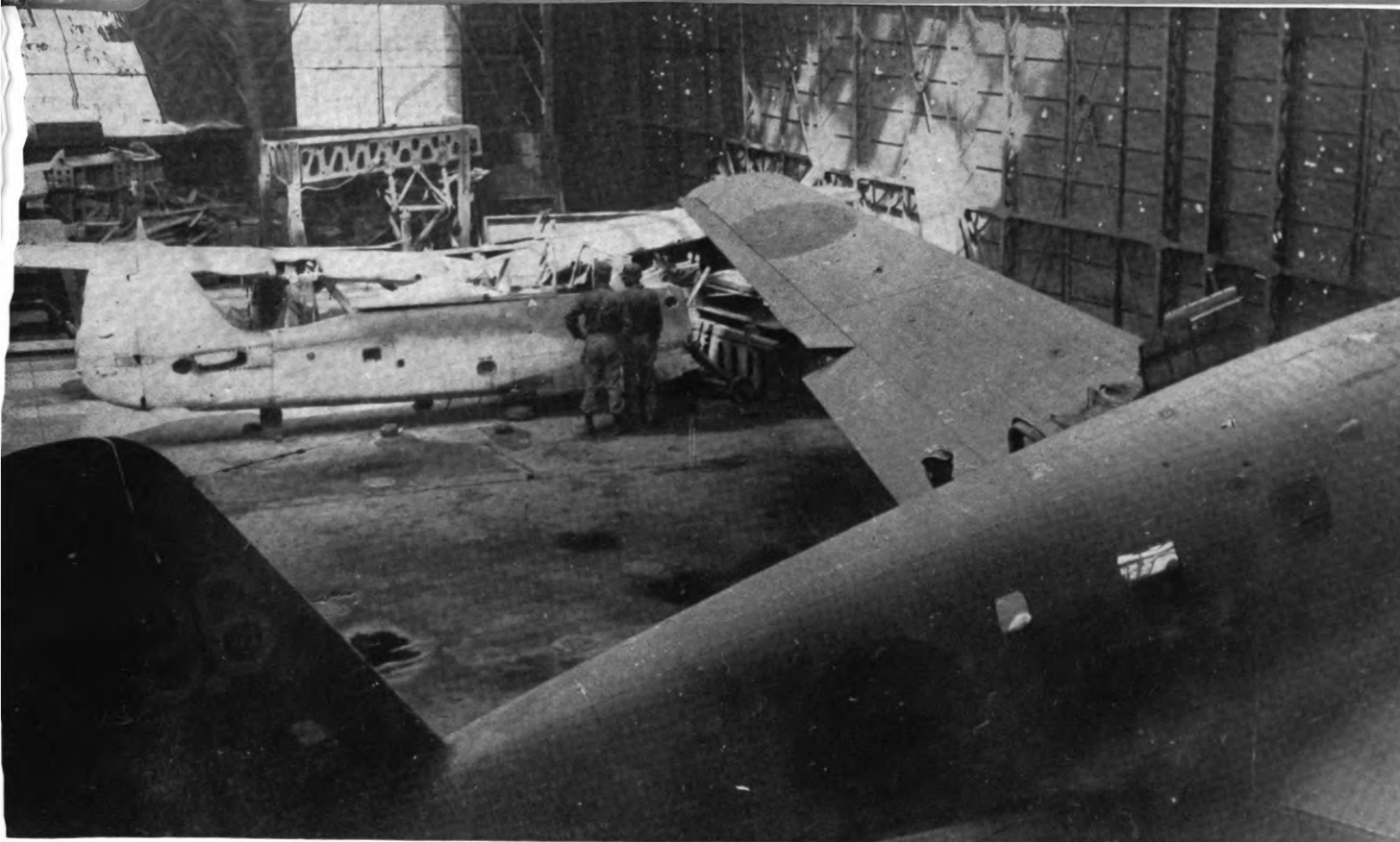
THE JAP DELEGATION FLYING BACK TO TOKYO

THE PLANE WITH THE GREEN CROSSES AT IE SHIMA





THE HEART OF TOKYO



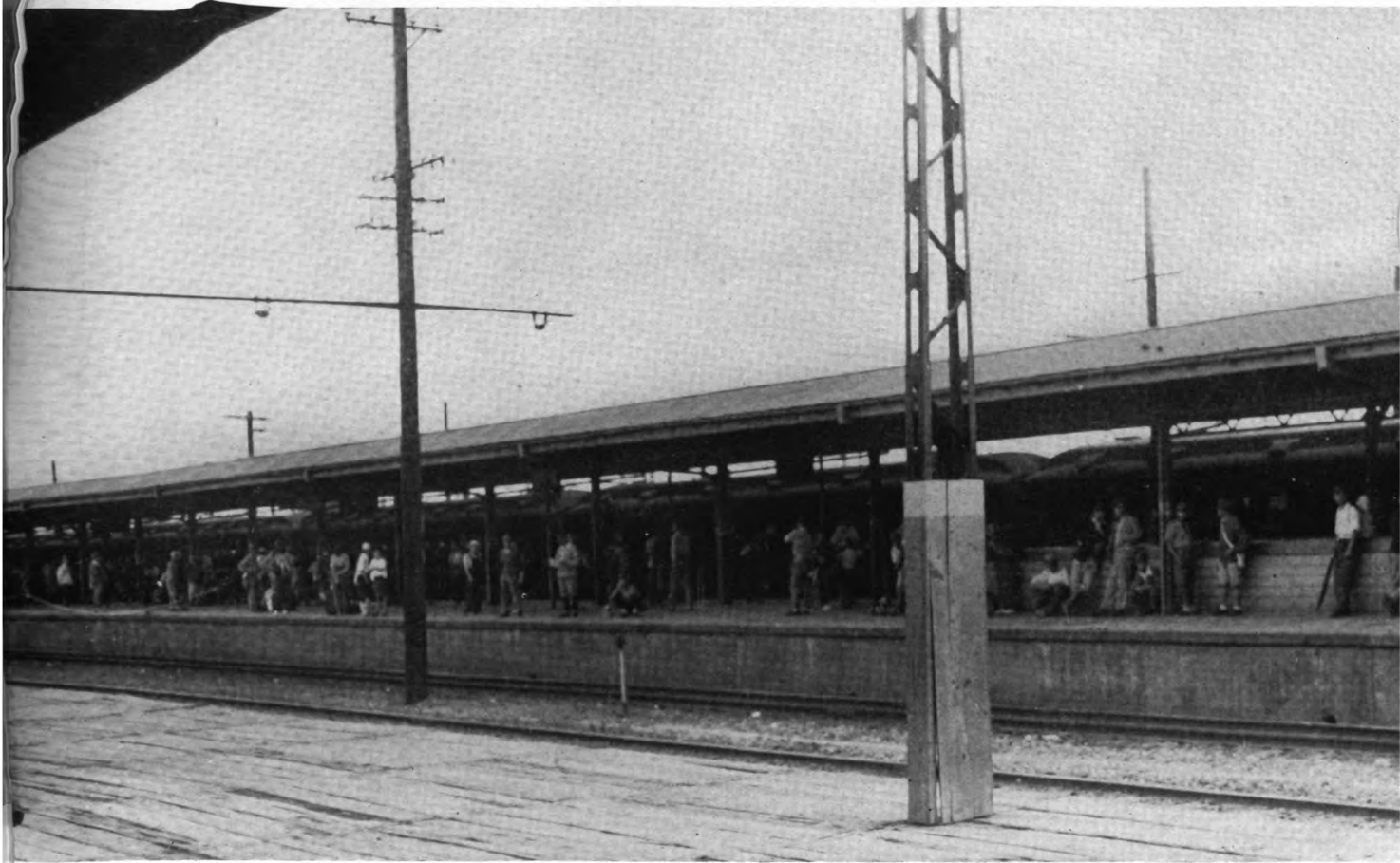
TOP: THE HANGARS AT TACHIKAWA, 20 MILES WEST OF TOKYO
 BOTTOM: JAP CIVILIANS CLEANING UP WRECKAGE



A MODERN WIND TUNNEL AT TACHIKAWA



THE TACHIKAWA RAILROAD STATION





SUBURBAN TOKYO



THE B-29's DID A THOROUGH JOB



WAITING FOR A TRAM IN TOKYO



PASSING ALONG SOME SCUTTLEBUTT



TOP: ROSIE DOESN'T LIVE HERE ANY MORE
 BOTTOM: THE WALLS ARE HERE, BUT WHERE'S THE HOUSE?

TOKYO RADIO CITY



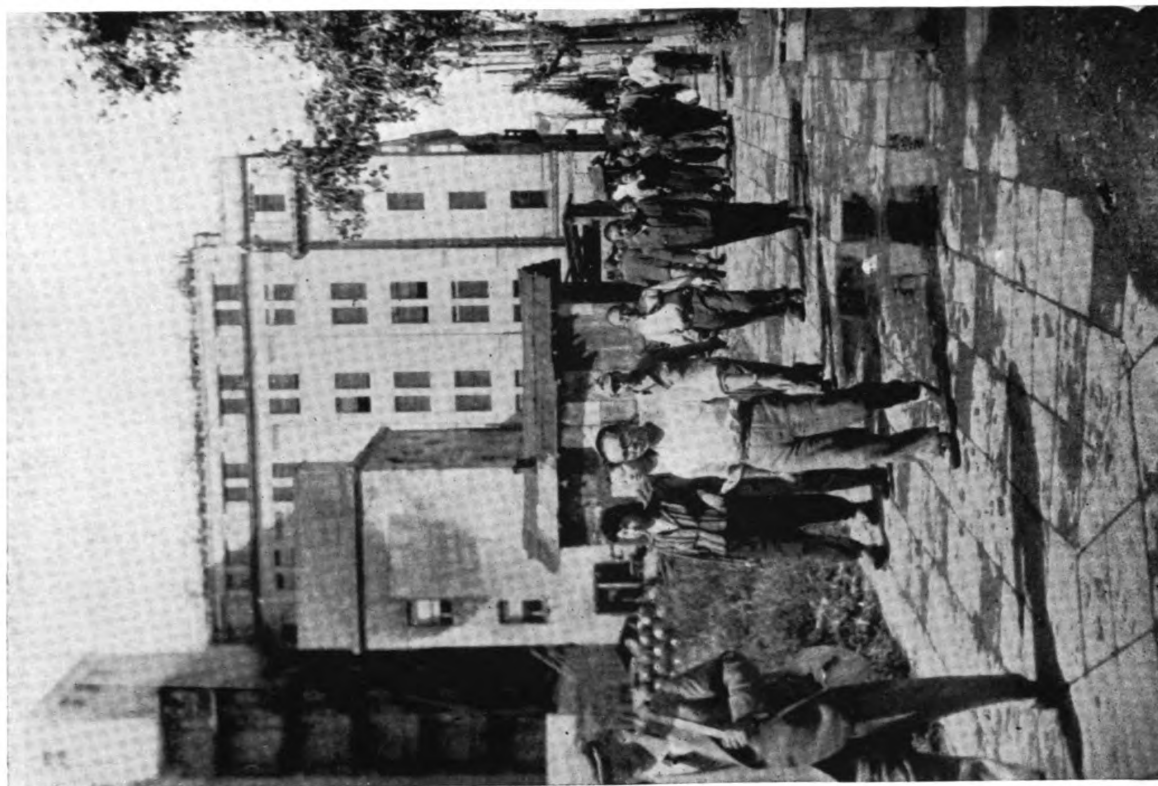
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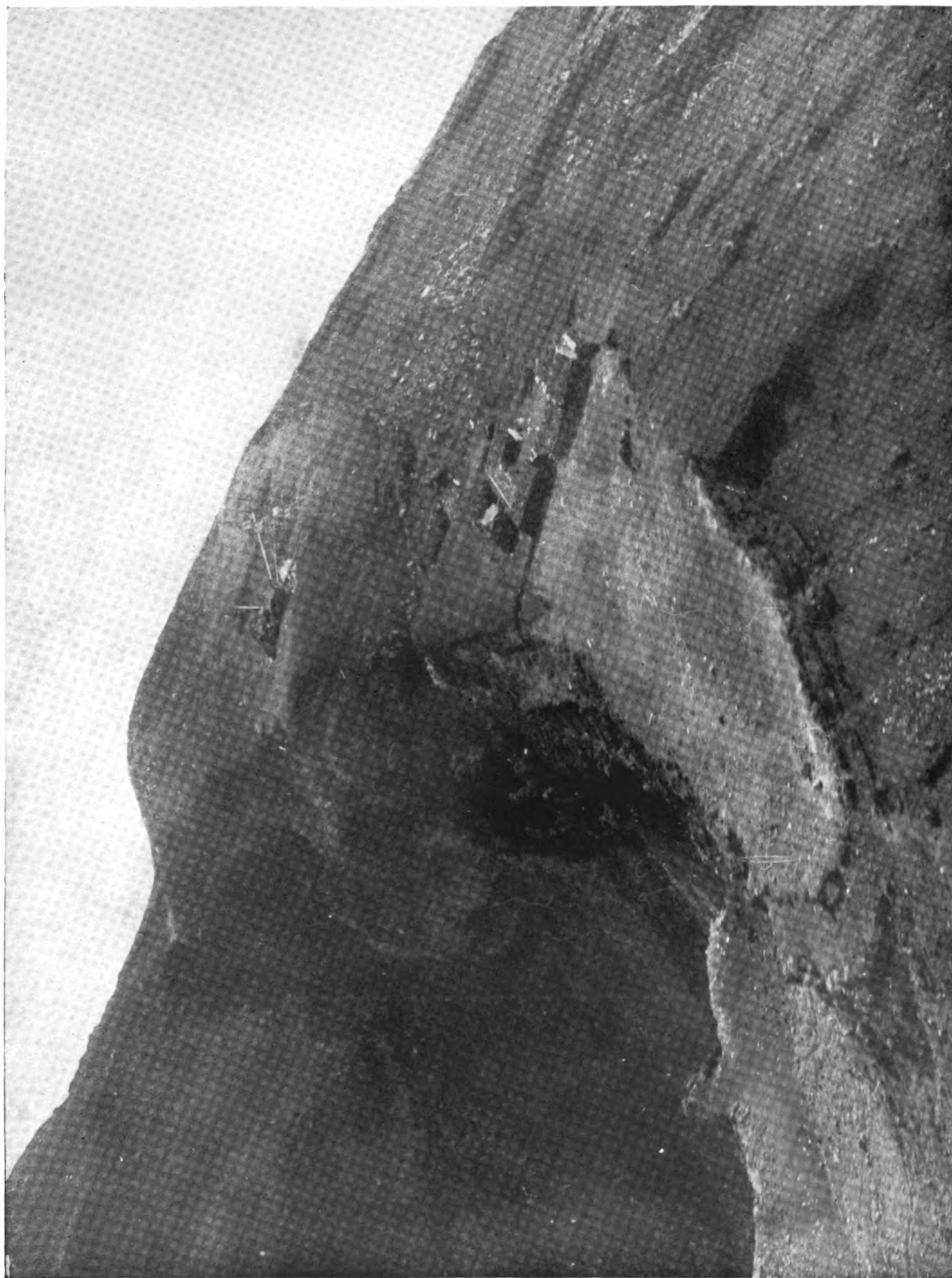
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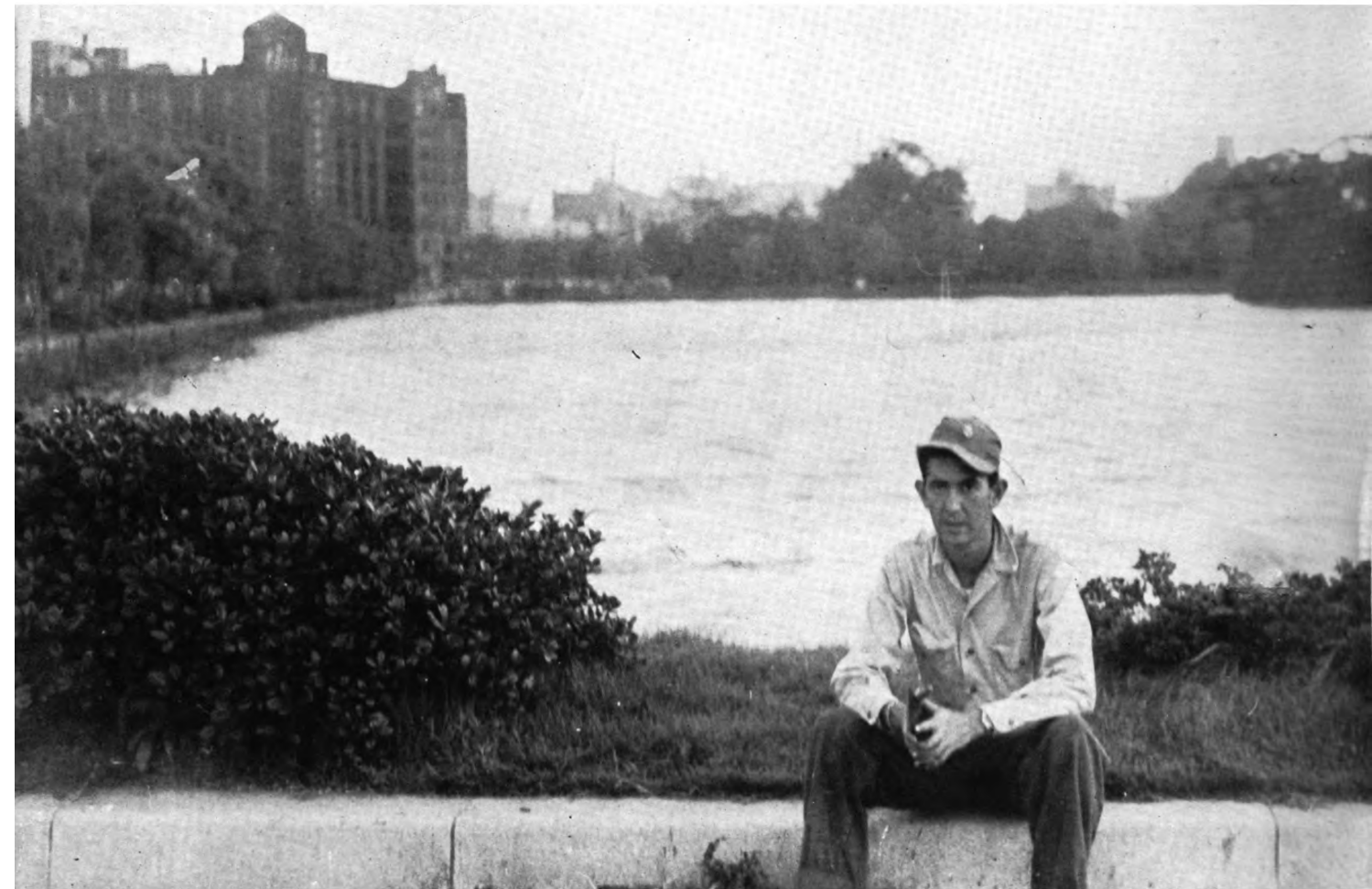
THE MAIN DRAG



INSIDE A JAP HOME



THE TOP OF MT. FUJIYAMA . . . 13,000 FT. HIGH



RESTING OUTSIDE THE EMPEROR'S PALACE

WHERE'RE YOU GOIN', MATE?

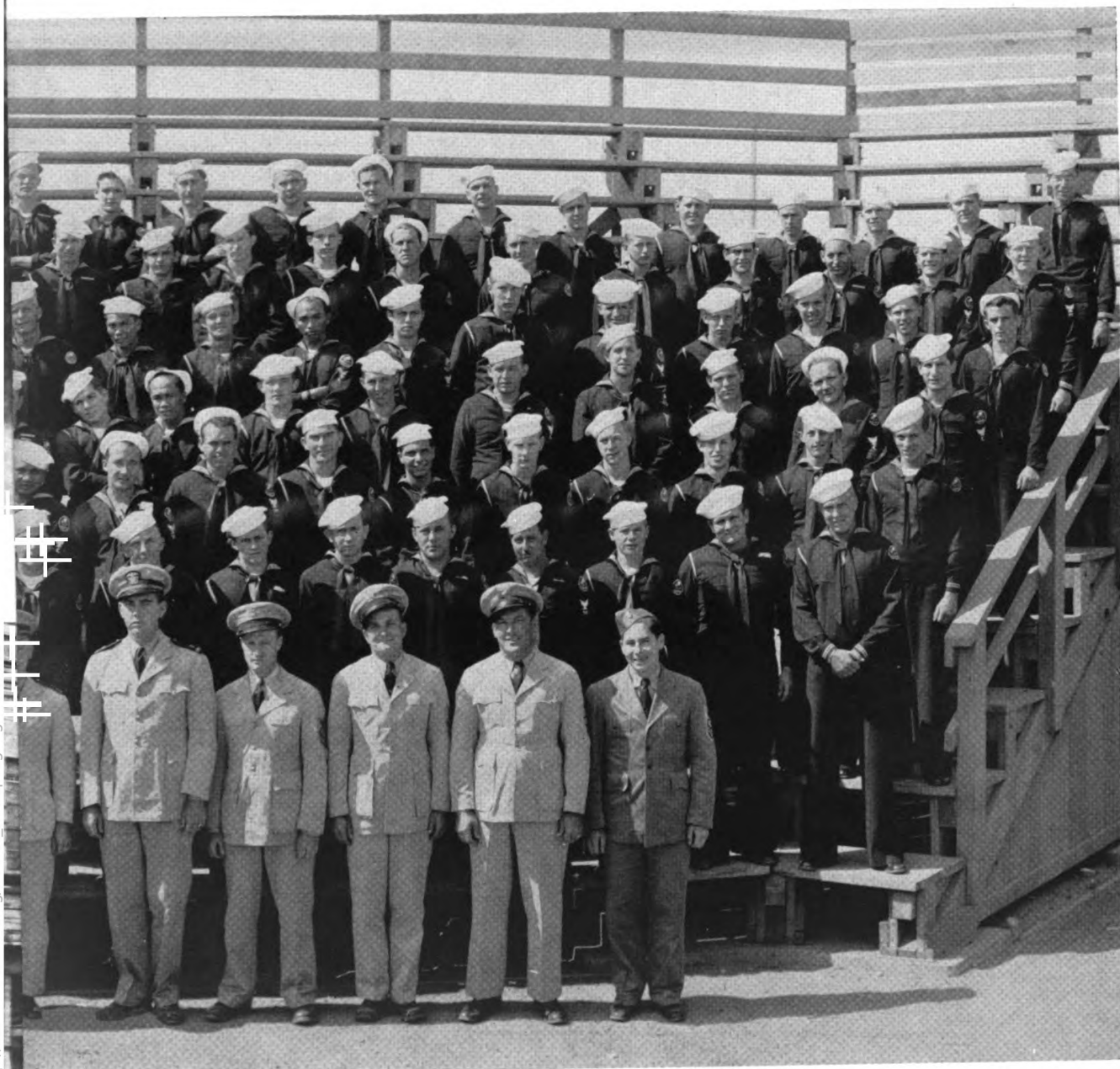




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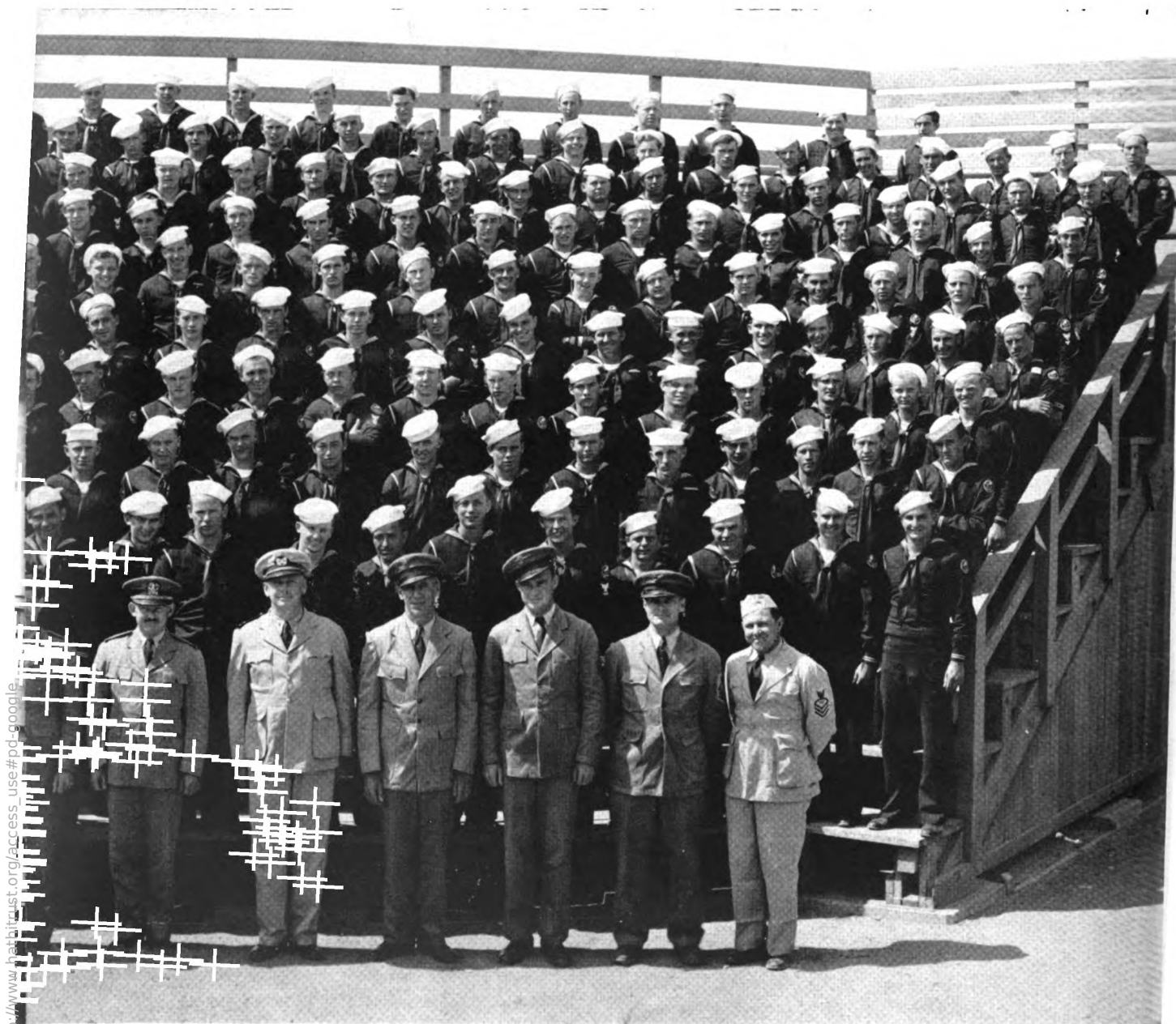
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"Where yuh from, Mac?"—The eternal question. In the following pages we tell where we were from and where we would like to return.

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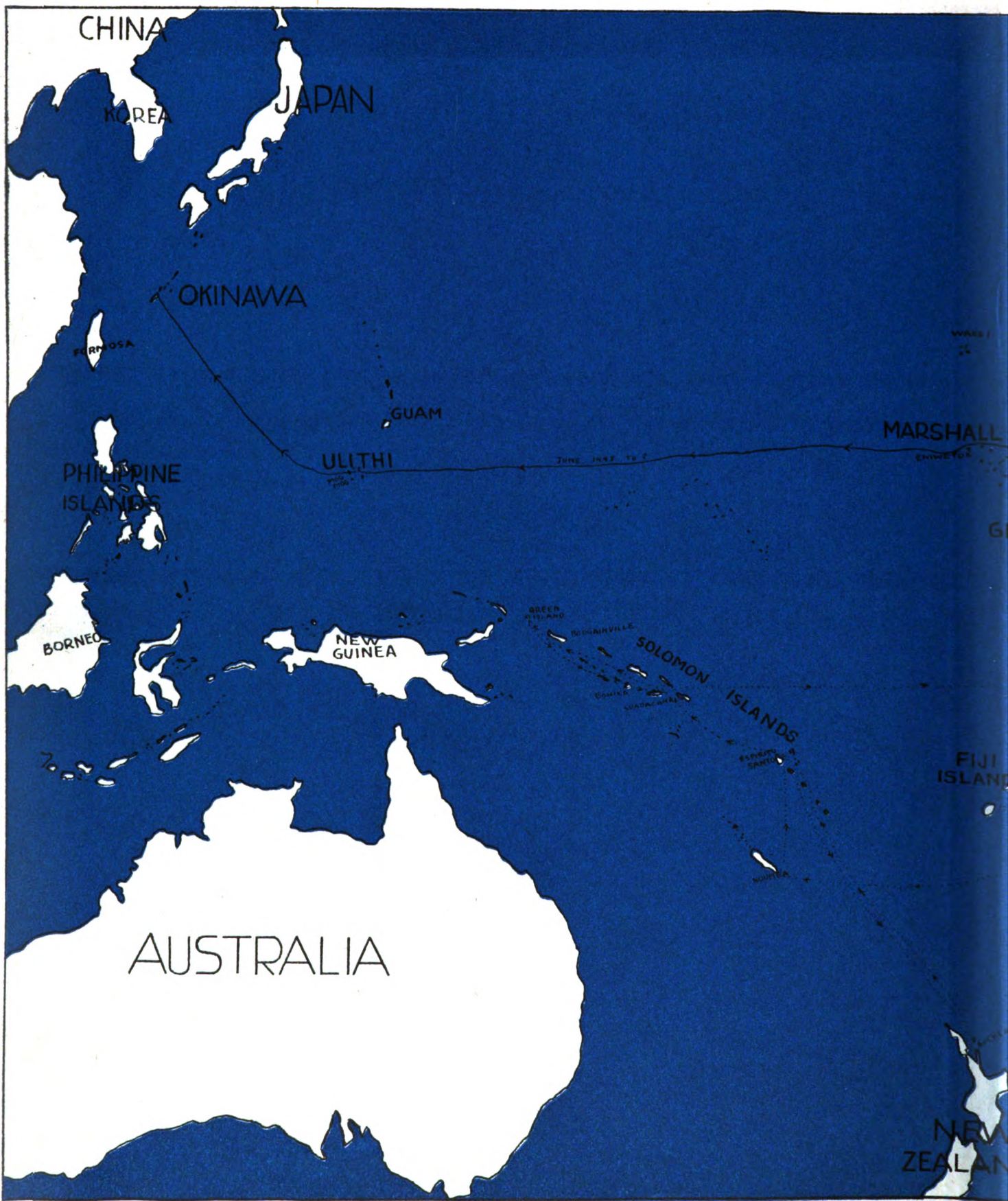
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